

I've Became Able to Do Anything with My Growth Cheat, but I Can't Seem to Get out of Being Jobless

Arc 4 - Ferruit Upheaval

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Novel Updates

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(082) Prologue Miri was wholeheartedly climbing Mount Fuji. Dressed in exercise shoes, a black school uniform (winter wear) and a coat. With an appearance that looked like she was underestimating the climb up to Mount Fuji even if it is not winter yet, the surrounding climbers looked at her with suspicious gazes and there were some among them who wanted to warn her but they could not speak after getting hit by the spirit she was emitting. Her eyes were filled with hatred that she had forgotten. Once ... and that was more than a thousand years ago.

At a time called the Heian period.

A girl was destined to die at Mount Fuji.

That girl was touted as a peerless beauty and captivated many men, charming the hearts of the people at that time as well as even the Emperor.

She thought that it was happiness. She thought that she had obtained everything.

Until those men came.

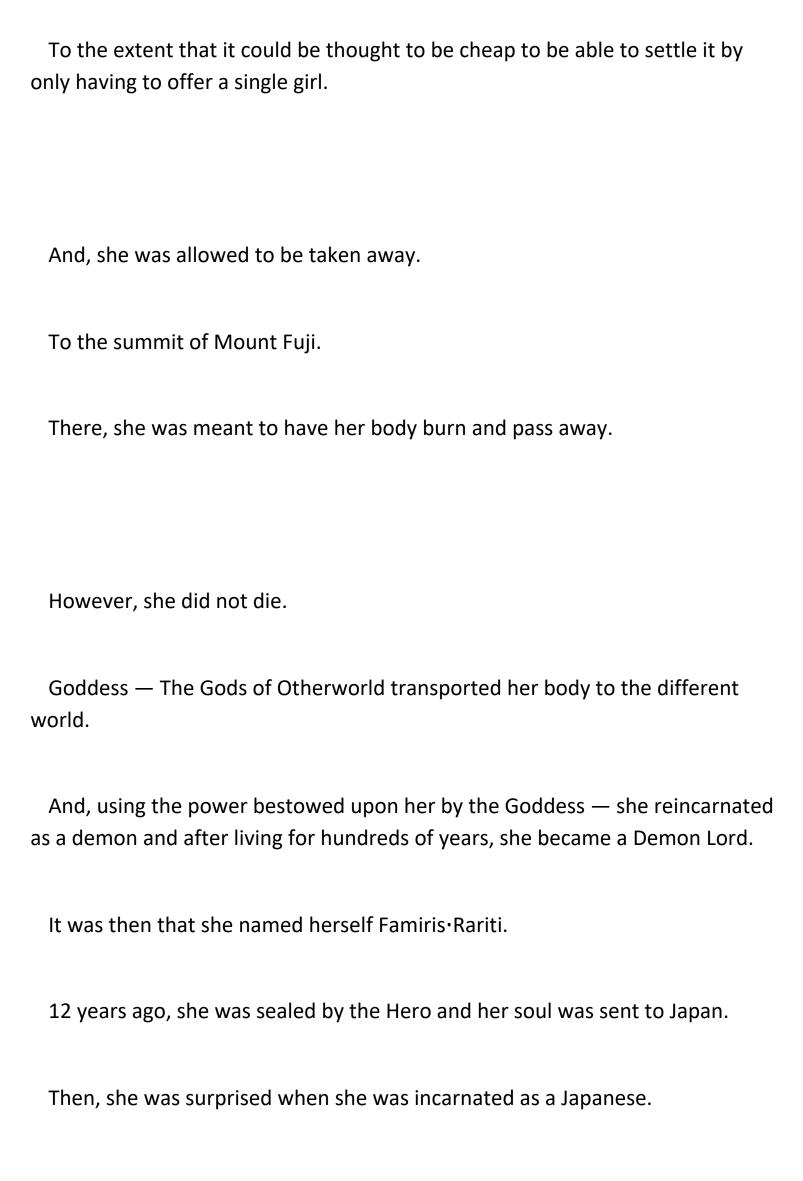
A bunch of Diviners (Onmyoji) visited the Emperor and asked him to calm the anger of Mount Fuji by using her magnificent power.

Putting it simply, using her power meant using her as a human sacrifice.

The Diviners perceived that their own power wouldn't be able to achieve anything and decided to use her life in exchange for stopping the eruption of Mount Fuji.

And, those Diviners possessed great powers.

To the extent that no matter even if it's the Emperor, he would also not want to turn them into his enemies.



That the country had changed to that extent in only a thousand years.

Then, when she grew up and became able to read, she found out.

In the end, due to her reincarnation into the different world, she did not fulfill her role as a true human sacrifice and Mount Fuji erupted multiple times during the Heian period, causing many sacrifices.

And, there was one more fact.

She found out that her own death and her own name was beautified as the tale of Kaguya Hime.

Not knowing if the power of the Goddess was incomplete or it was due to other factors, that tale was left behind as the oldest tale in Japan.

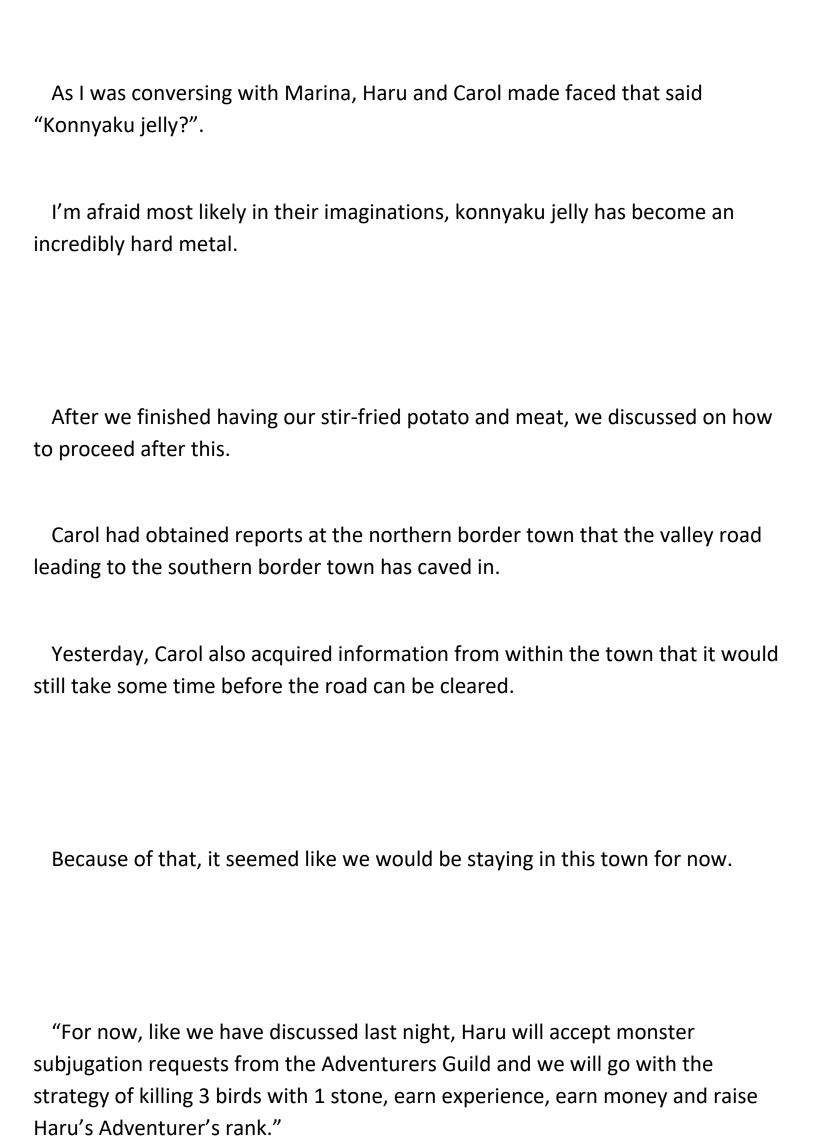
Of course, including the era, a lot of the content was vastly different from the historical fact but the jobs of her parents at that time and the fact that her name was named after the treasure that they were asked to search for by nobles at that time, it was without a doubt that she was the model of the story.

She could only give a bitter smile at how the messenger to Mount Fuji was written as a messenger from the moon.

It's probably because Mount Fuji at that time was the land where the moon



"Amazing, it's this different just by using the magic kitchen knife to make the dish."
The delicious food that was I relishing in, cooked by the aunt from the inn, made me feel better.
They were the same stir-fried potato and meat but she prepared 2 of the same, one by using the magic kitchen knife and one without.
The difference in taste was evident.
"It seems like Kannon is really not just a simple con artist."
"Of course. If it's my ally, the real Kannon, she can easily make an iron cutting sword that can also cut konnyaku jelly."
"Whether an iron cutting sword can cut konnyaku jelly or not is a secondary feature though."



Mainly, we will raise Carol's Temptress level.

In the first place, it is not necessary to intentionally use the Temptress skill to raise its level.

Apparently, its level will increase just by exterminating monsters by becoming a Temptress in the day.

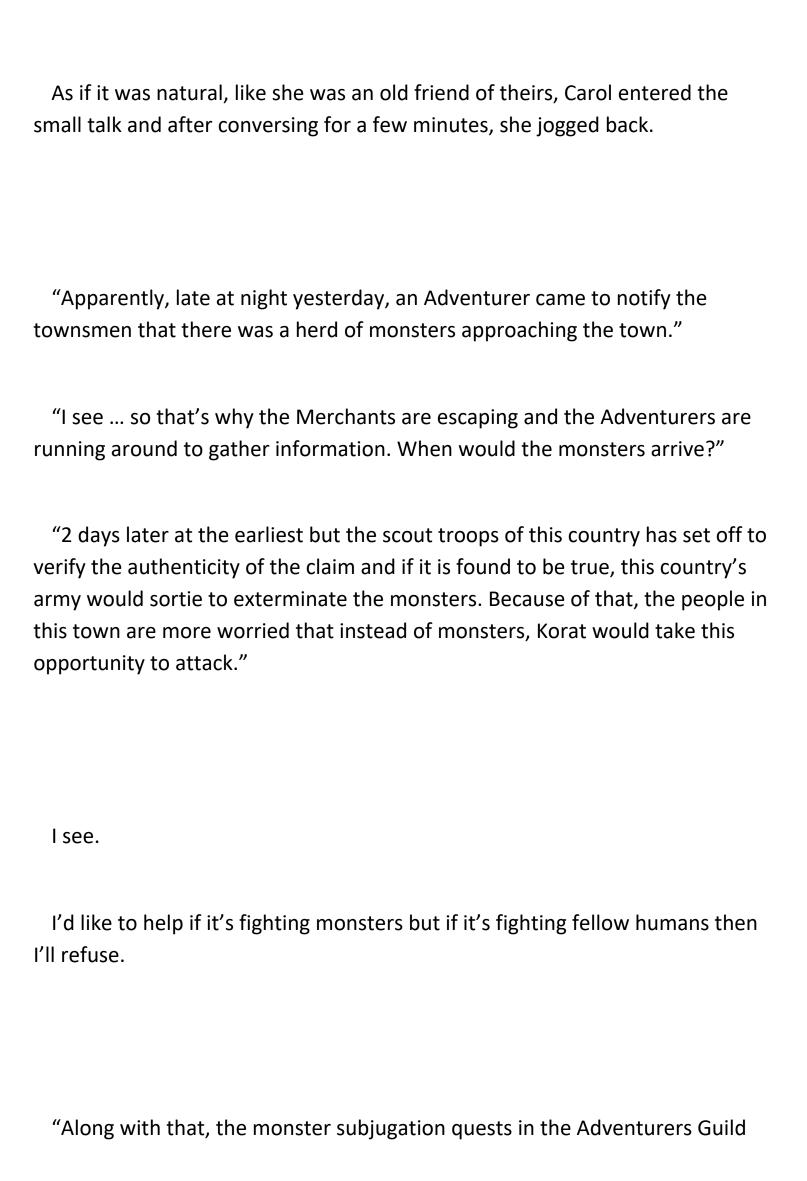
Of course, we also forgot about that fact because Carol herself recognized Temptress as a job that calls monsters at night.

I pierced a potato with a fork.

The potato crumbled into 3 pieces from that attack.

there were a lot of people making noise.
Although it's a different time now compared to yesterday, not only did the Adventurers' appearances stand out, there were also many Peddlers with packed luggage seemingly about to leave the town.
Passing by in front of the stables, it should have been full like how it was yesterday but now half of the horses were gone.
It seemed like something happened and they were trying to escape the town.
"What happened?"
"Shall I go ask?"
"Okay."
Carol asked so I requested for her to do so.

Carol jogged and approached some housewives who were having small talk.

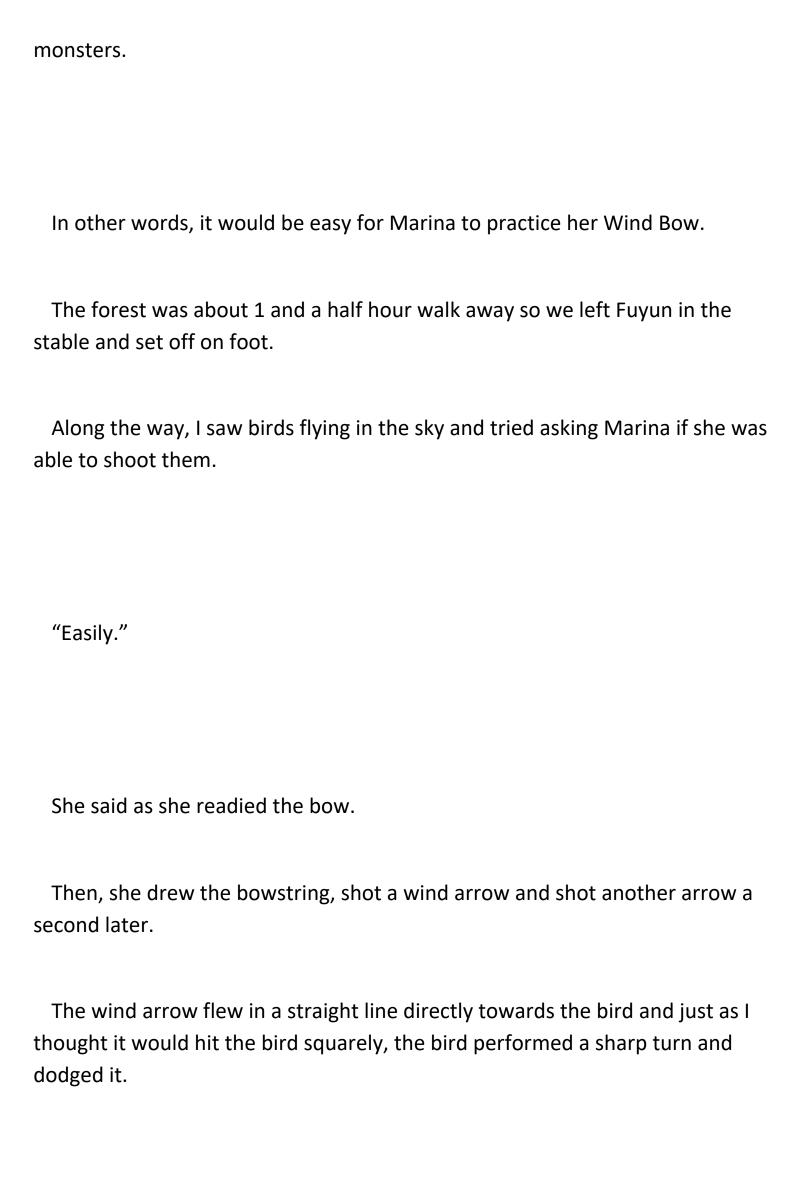


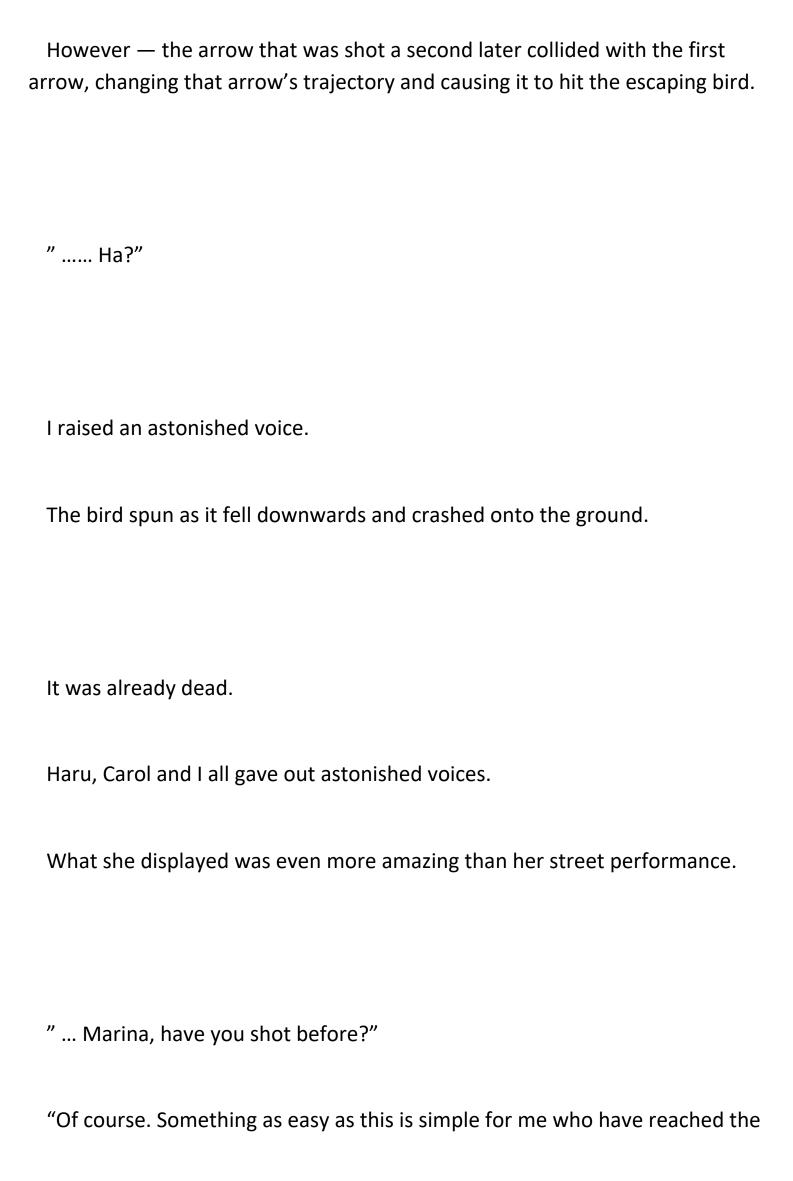
has all been canceled and became an emergency quest to join the defense of this town."
"I see. Then, maybe we'll just exterminate the monsters around this town for now. Marina also needs to train with a bow."
I said in an easygoing manner.
Maybe because I'm Japanese, I don't think that wars would happen so easily .

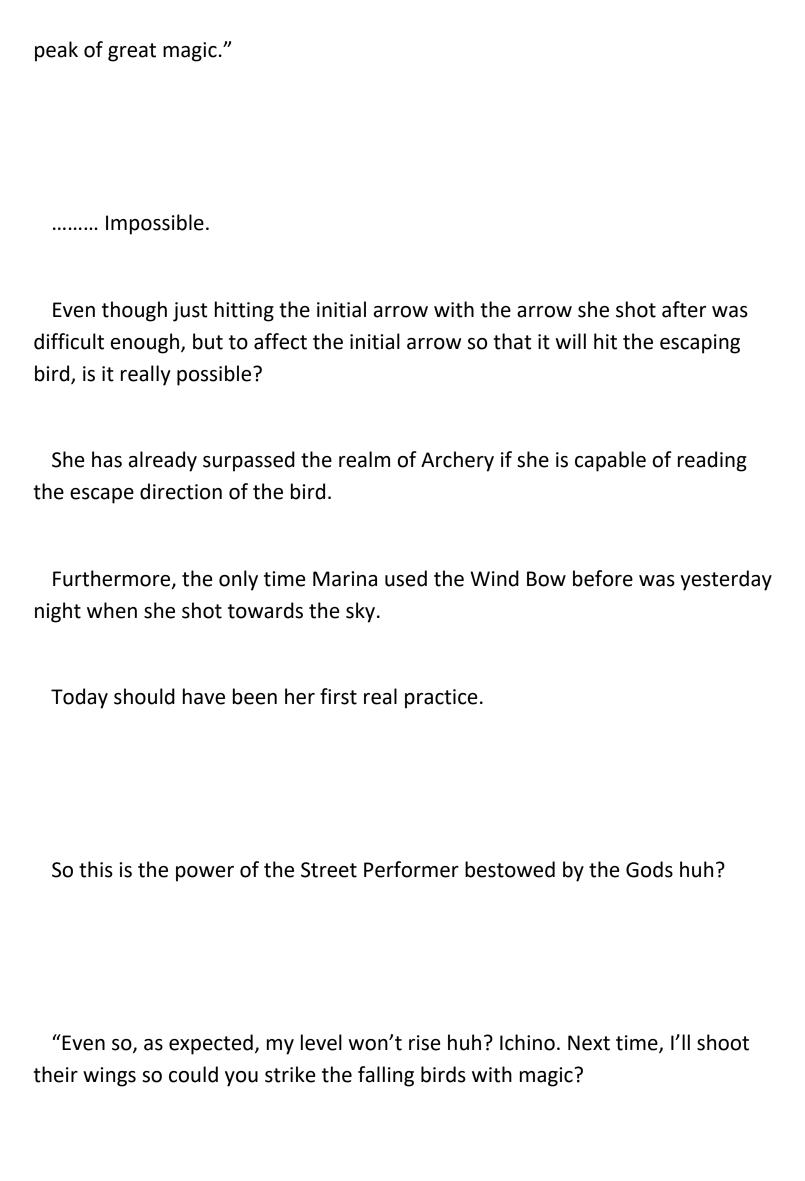
(083) Fishing for Tubifex worms

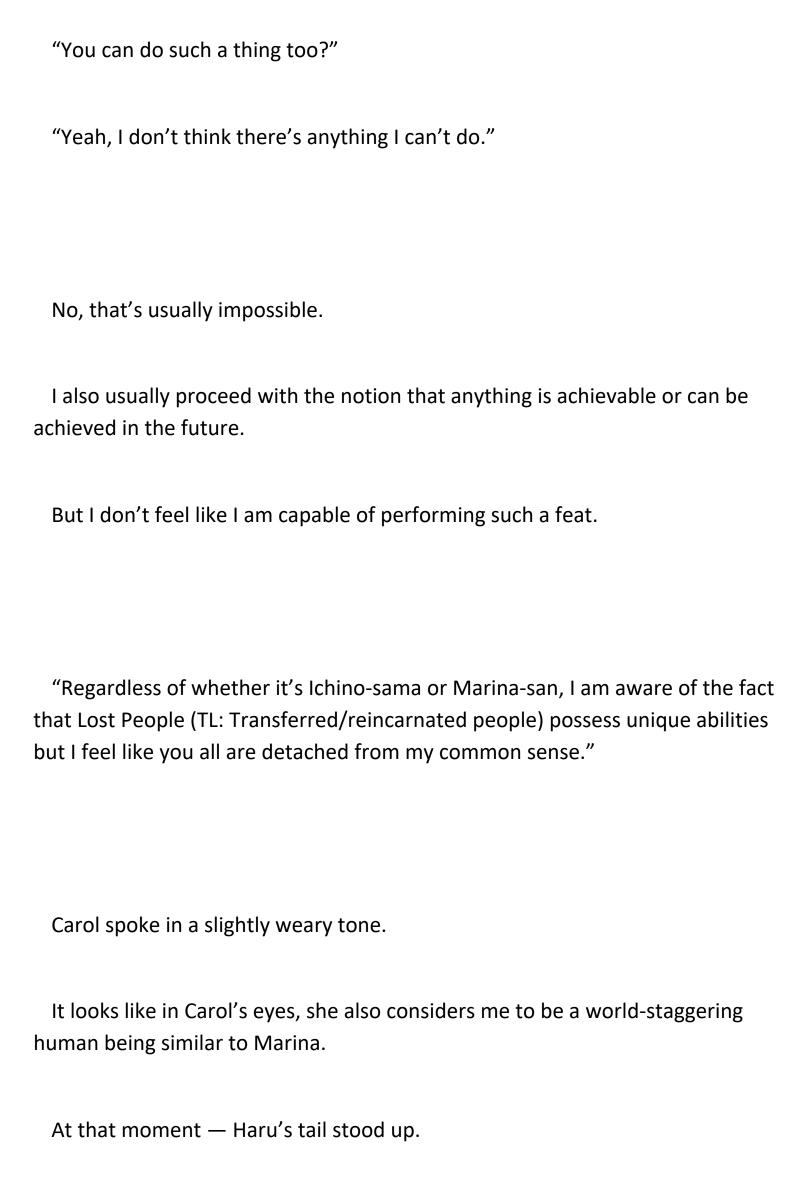
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The procedure to leave the town ended smoothly.
When we dropped by the Adventurers Guild and told them that we were planning to go to the forest to hunt for food supply, we were given preferential treatment during the procedure to leave the town. Incidentally, this approach was also based on Carol's investigation.
If we wanted to leave the town regularly, we would apparently have to wait for 7 hours.
Probably because the monster herd was coming from the northwest and the valley road in the south was blocked.
Not only were there carriages, there were a lot of people riding on horses as well.
For the time being, we aimed for the forest in the southeast.

It is one of the few forests in Dakyat and is inhabited by many bird-type



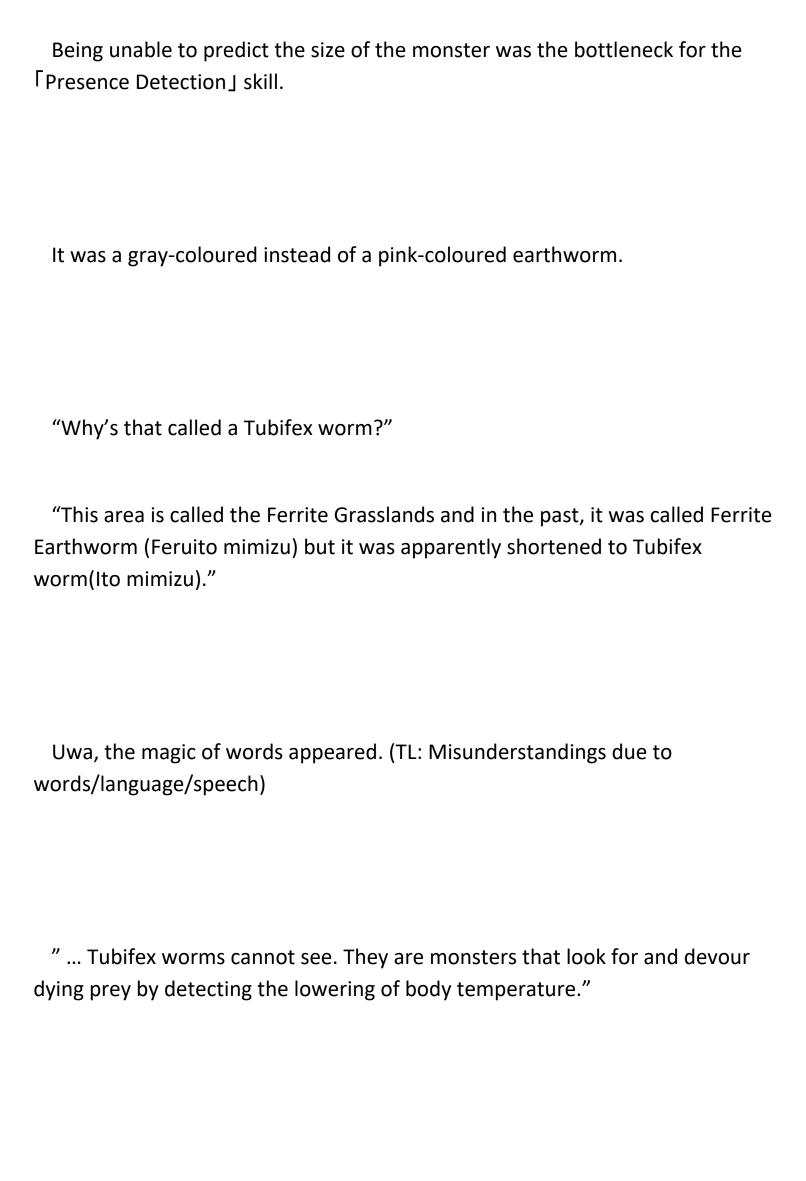




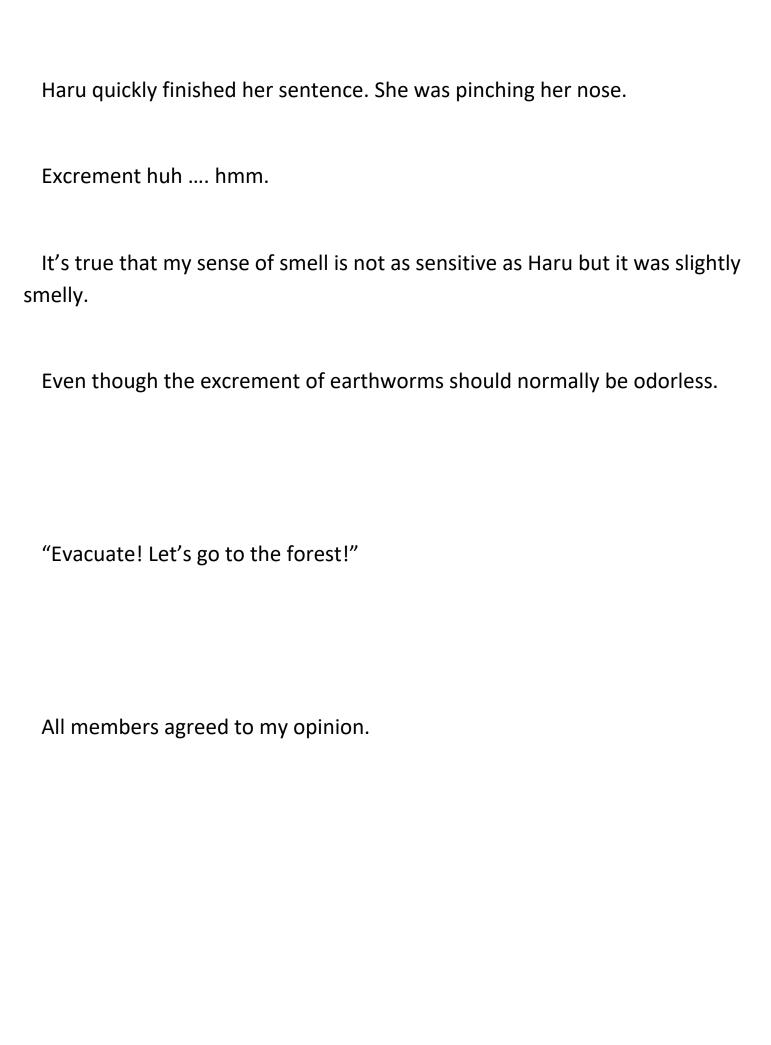












(084) Carol's shoulder ride

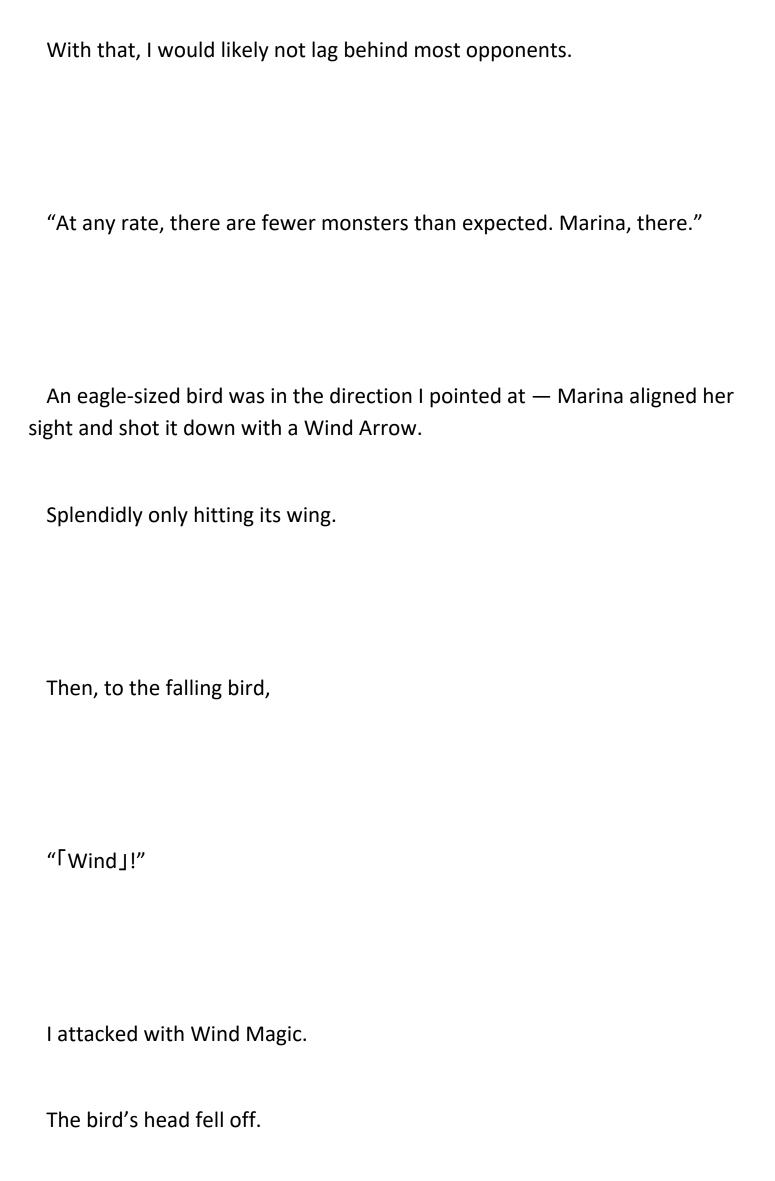
Arriving at the forest, we searched for prey.

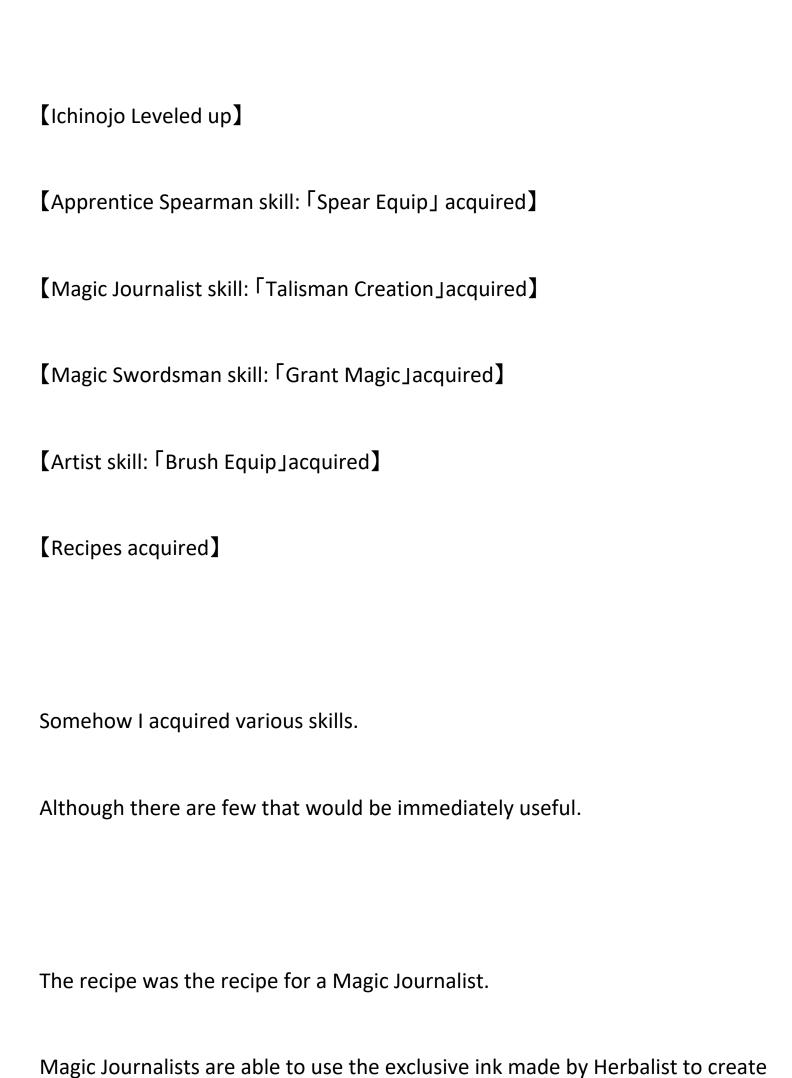
There seemed to be no particularly strong monsters so I decided to train the jobs that I don't usually train.

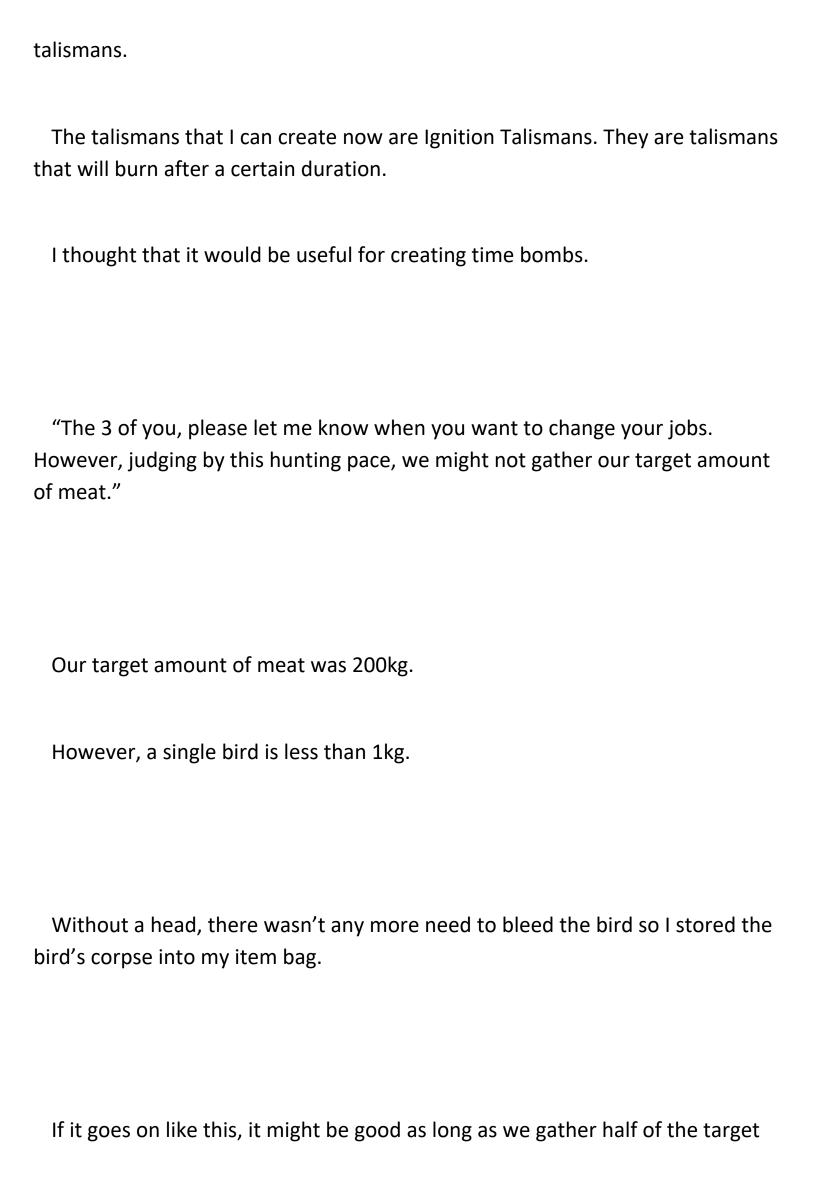
【Jobless Lv79·Apprentice Spearman Lv1·Magic Journalist Lv1·Magic Swordsman Lv1·Artist Lv1】

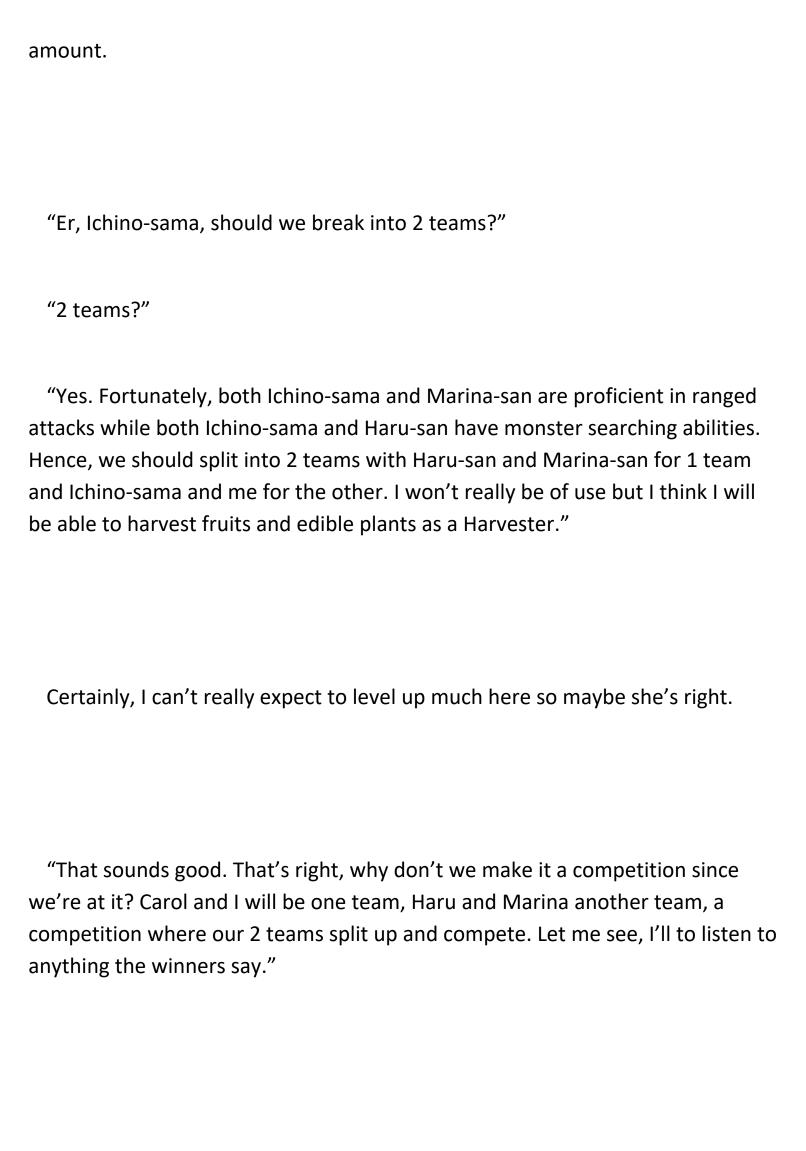
That was the combination I decided upon. Thanks to that, my status dropped considerably.

Even so, just taking Magic Swordsman into consideration, it is an advanced job that boasts physical attack and defense comparable to a Lv10 Apprentice Swordsman and magic attack and defense comparable to a Lv10 Apprentice Magician.

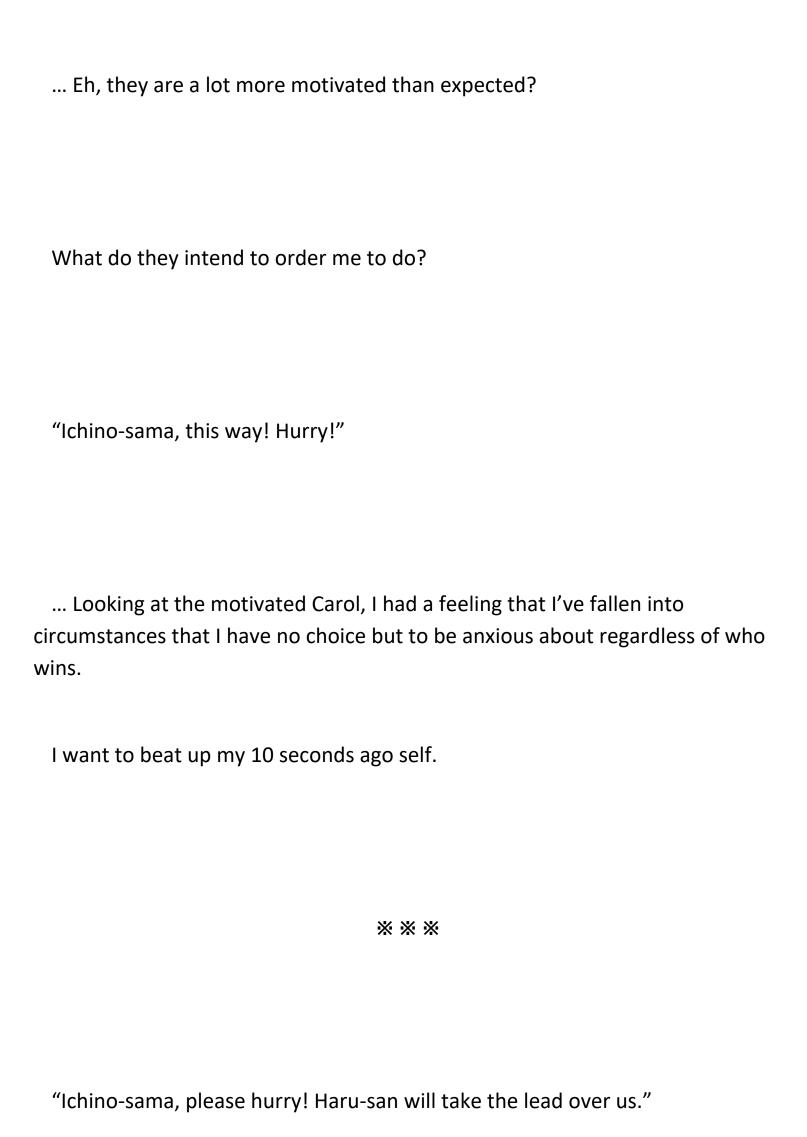




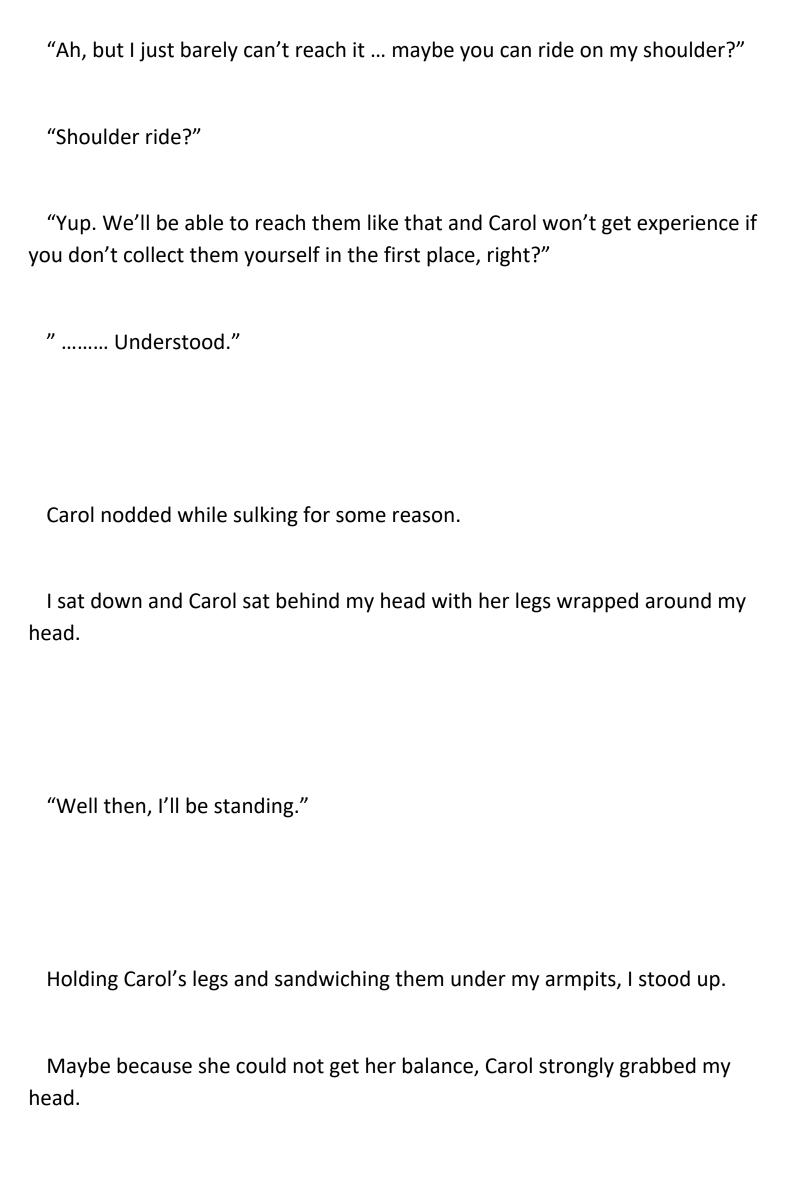








"That's trying too hard. It's just a game, I did say I'll listen to whatever the winner says but if Carol has anything you want to say you can say it anytime. I'm saying this about myself but I am quite thick-headed sometimes."
"I know that Ichino-sama is thick-headed but erm, since it's something that can't be said unless there's a chance like this."
"What do you intend to say oh, hey, Carol! The fruits there are ripe. Aren't those edible?"
Finding pear-like fruits, I asked Carol.
"Ah, yes. That's the Powpower fruit. It's apparently a sweet and delicious fruit."
Perhaps due to her Plant Appraisal skill or perhaps due to the knowledge she had originally, Carol explained to me.





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"Carol, are you alright?"
 " ... Um ... Ichino-sama, can we stay like this for a while longer?"
  "Yeah, that's fine. But, as expected, was it scary? Sorry to ask you to push
yourself."
 " ... Ichino-sama, I've said it countless times but Carol is 17-years-old."
  "Eh? You were 16 previously."
  "It was my birthday 3 days ago."
  "Sorry, I didn't wish you happy birthday."
 " ... That's not what I meant. I want you to treat me as an adult."
  ... She said as she strongly hugged my body.
  "Is that perhaps why you've addressed yourself as 'I' instead of 'Carol'?"
  "You noticed?"
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"Since we've been together all along. There's no way I wouldn't notice. But, I find the previous way you address yourself to be better."

" ... Eh?"

"Hn, you see, nonetheless, I still want Carol to act like Carol. But, I did consider how you don't like being treated as a kid. Okay, maybe I'll buy some delicious juice for you later?"

"And I'm saying that's exactly treating me like a kid."

Even if she says that, no matter what, I always end up thinking of Miri when I look at Carol.

"Ichino-sama, you said that it's fine for me to say whatever I want to say right. I want Ichino-sama's love."

"To me, Haru and Carol, and tentatively Marina as well, are more important to me than my own wellbeing — "

"Carol ... me, please kiss me!"

(085) Carol's request

With her cheeks dyed red like apples, I could see my stiffened smiling expression reflected in Carol's pupils as she looked up towards me.

The wind blowing through the forest gently stroked the trees as well as her purple hair, causing my reflection within her eyes to be hidden by her hair so I was released from my bindings and my brain began to spin at full speed as if reflecting on the pause in all thought processes just now.

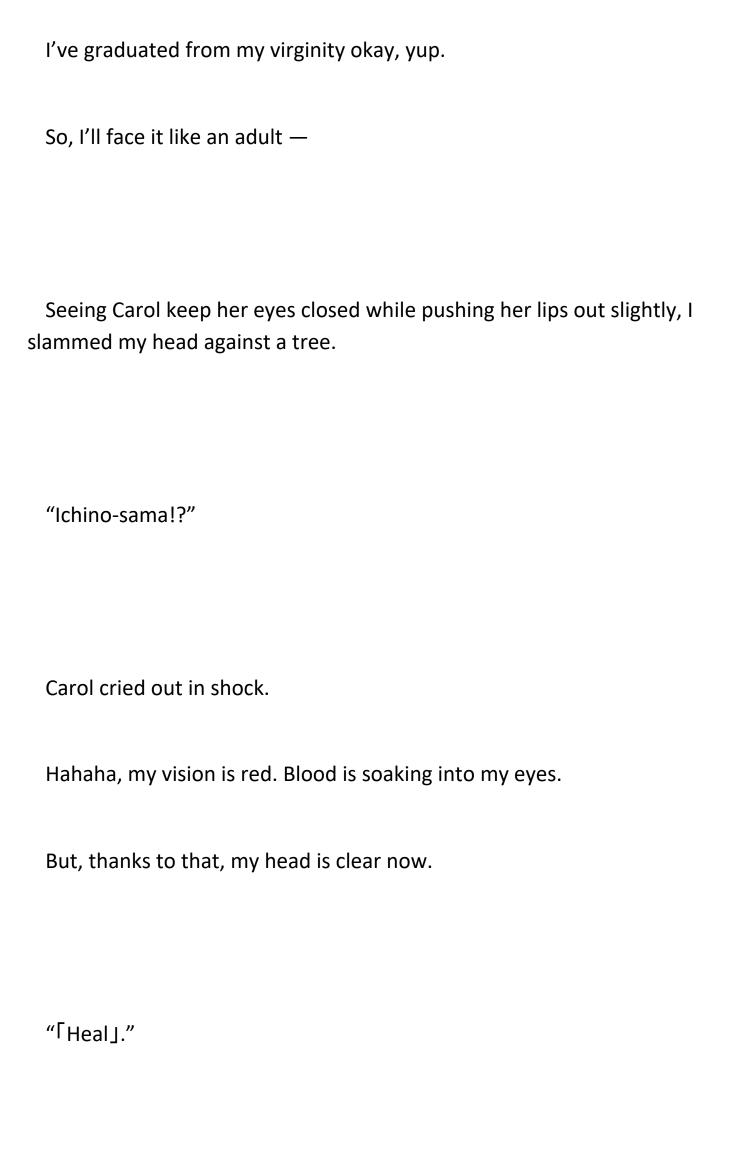
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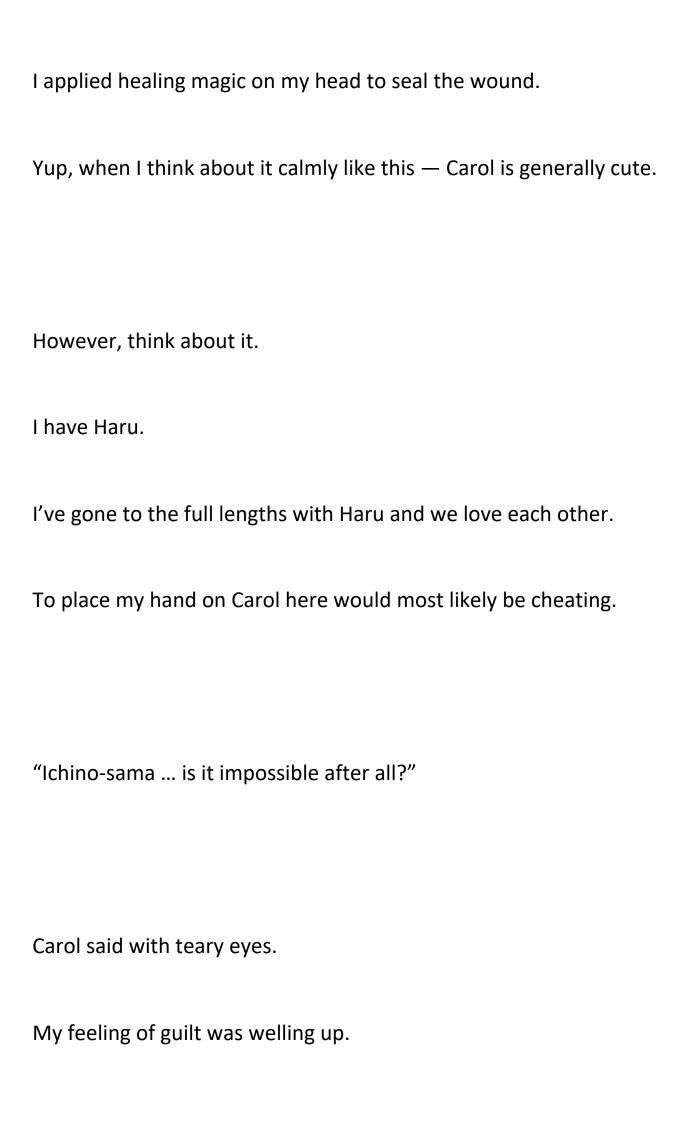
That kiss?

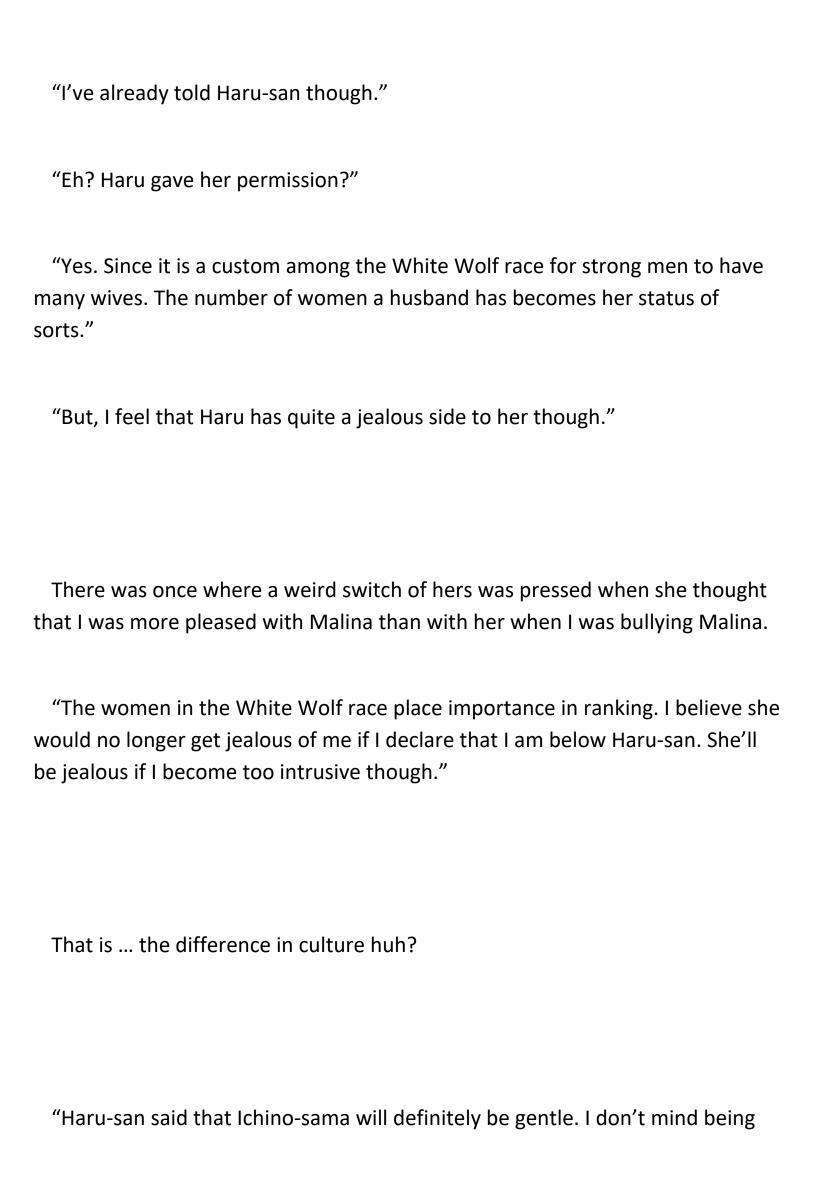
Or is it the Sillago japonica fish called Kiss? (TL: Bad pun)

Will the DT (virgin) hero (Suzuki) finally have a turn?

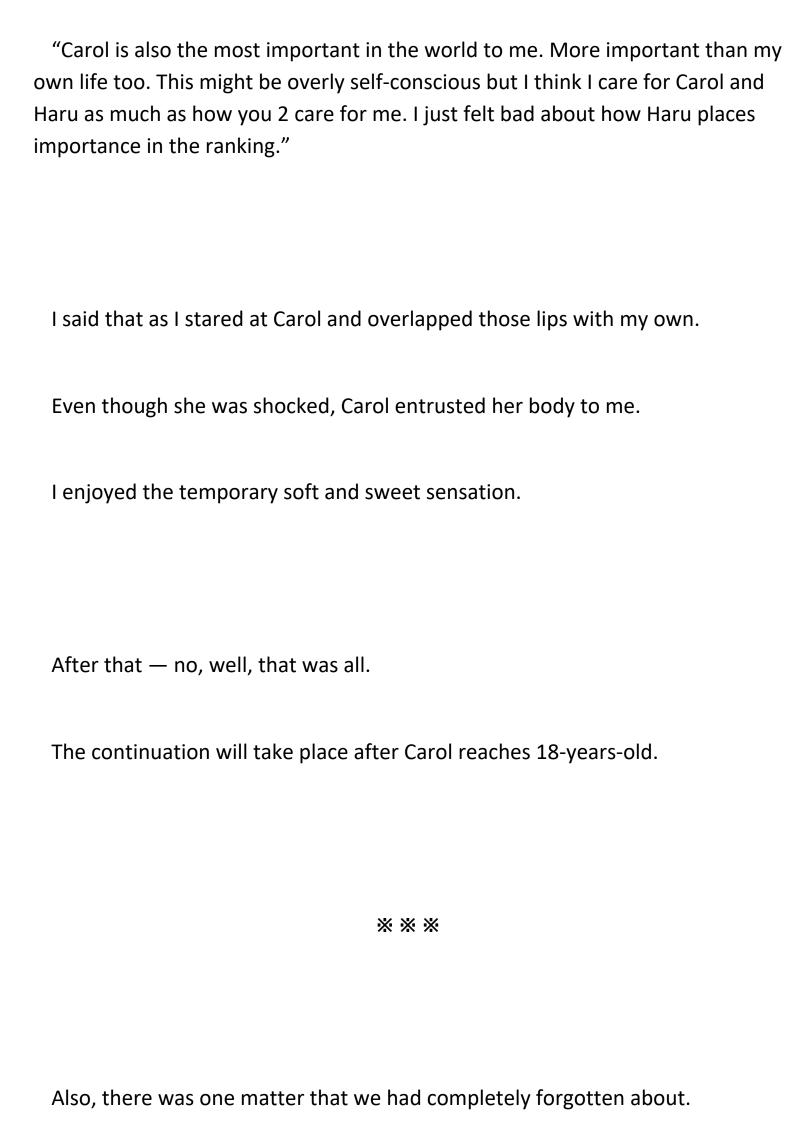
That's not it! It's as if I am the virgin here with this kind of reaction.

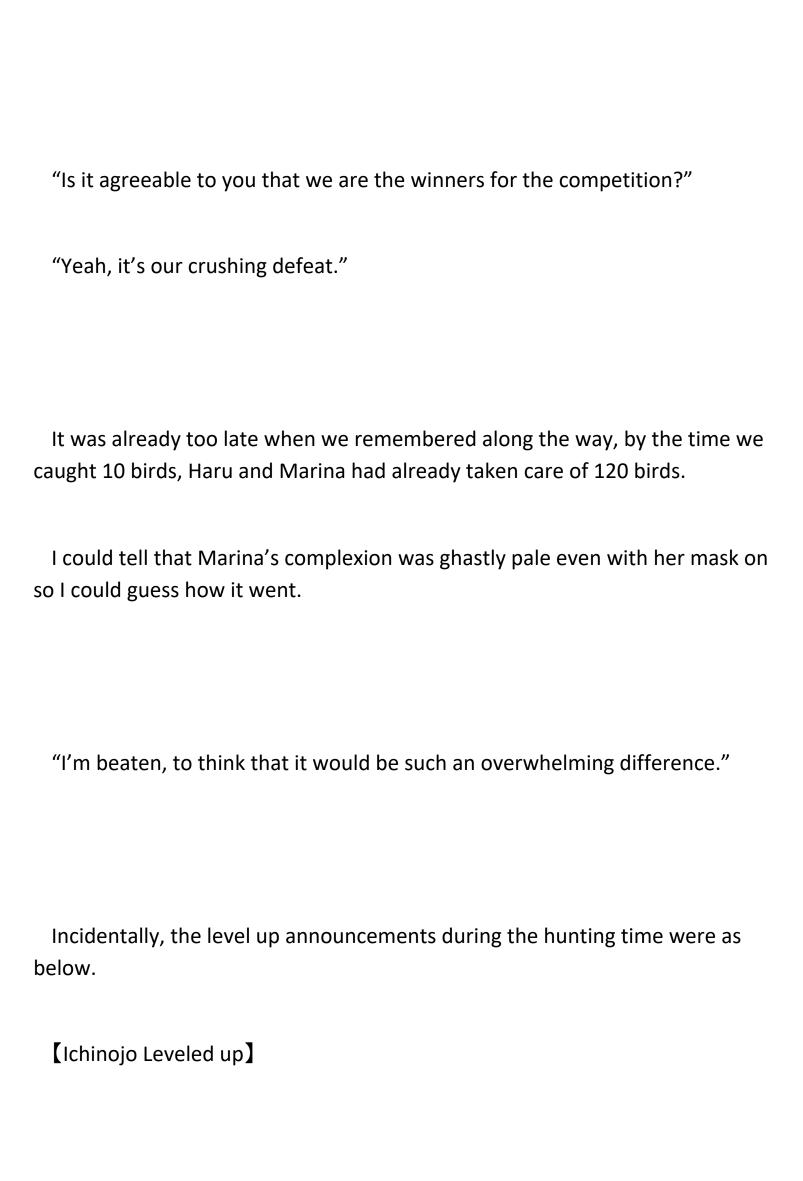


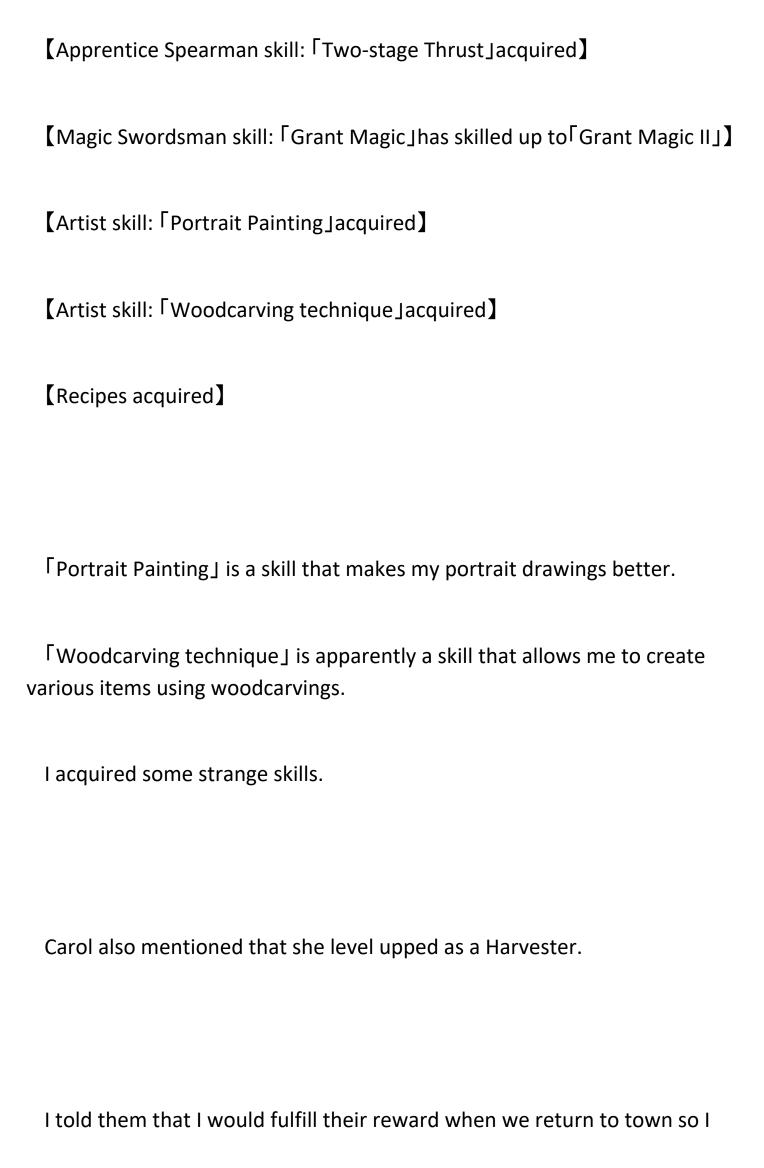


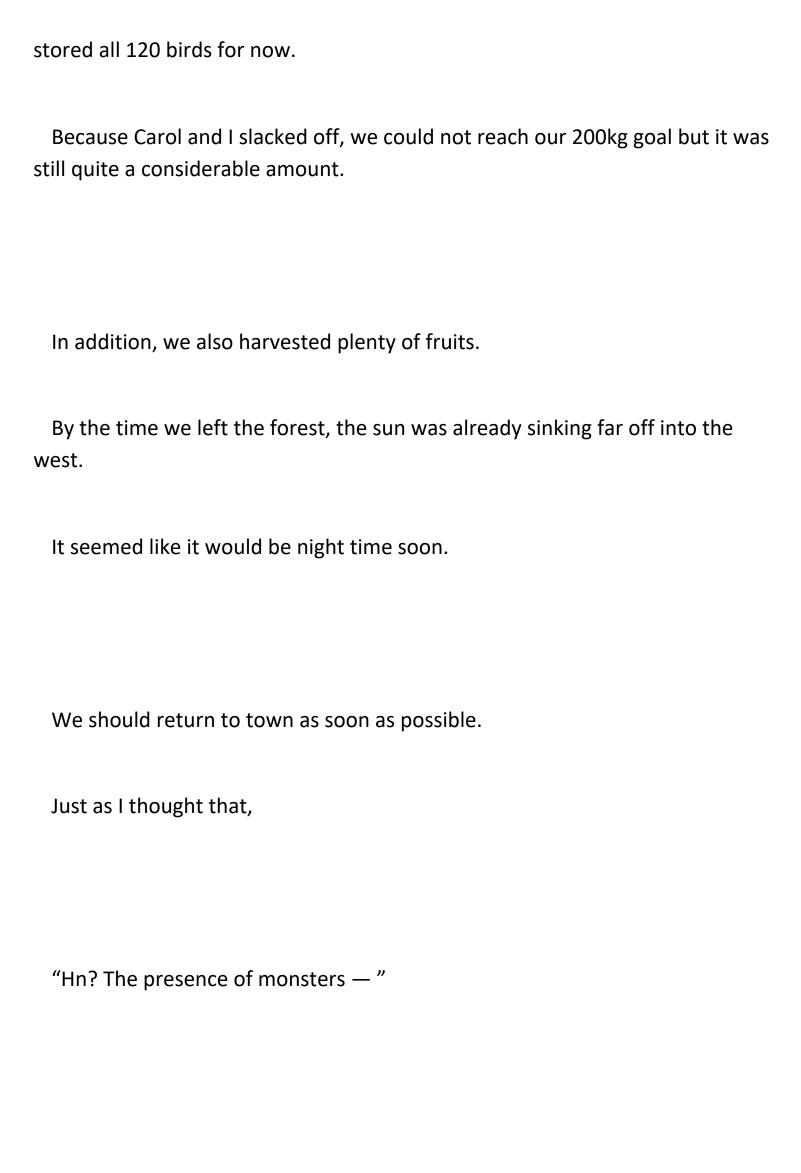


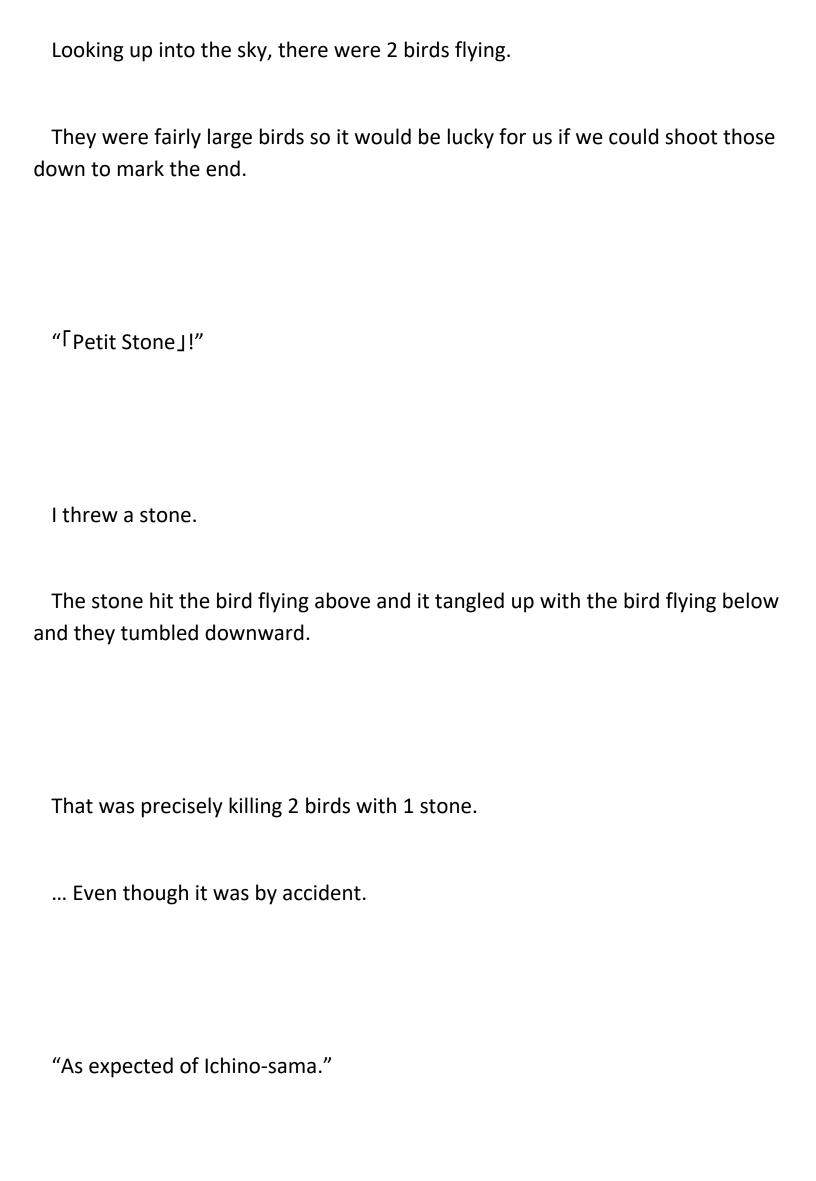


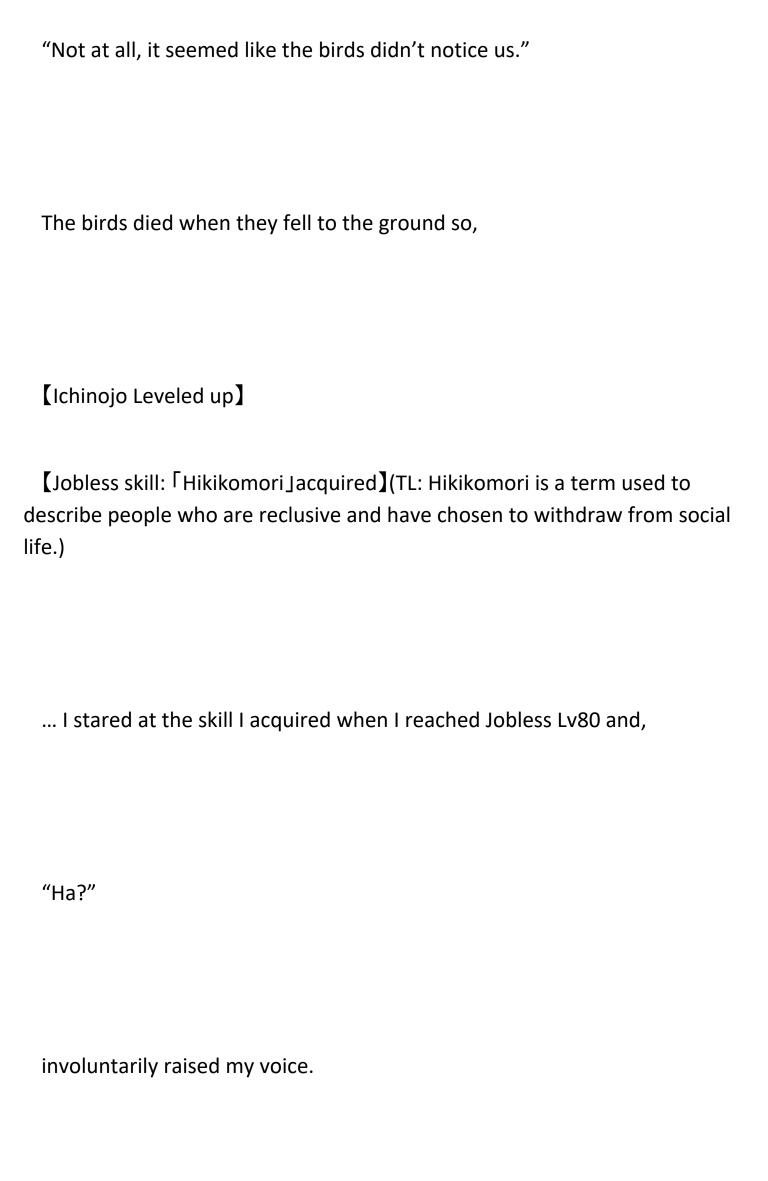












(086) This is my world!

I wish to raise an objection to the world.

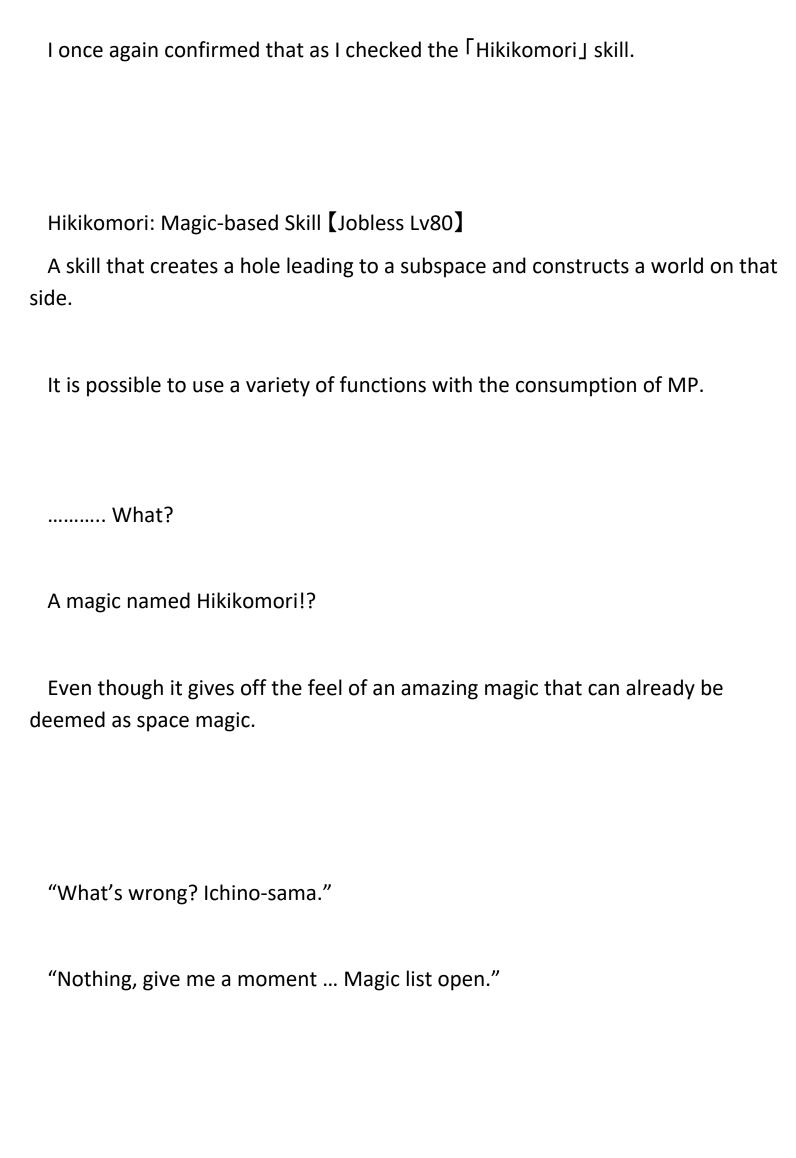
It is easy to bundle Jobless, Hikikomori and NEET together but they are all completely different.

Firstly, for Hikikomori, as the word implies, it is meant for people who do not leave their house and do not participate in society.

I go to the convenience store once a week to buy Jump (Weekly Shonen Jump) so I am not a Hikikomori, hence that claim is already wrong and as a person who does a sideline job even though I always stay at home, I am not a Hikikomori. In other words, Hikikomori is included in one part of Jobless but Jobless does not equal Hikikomori.

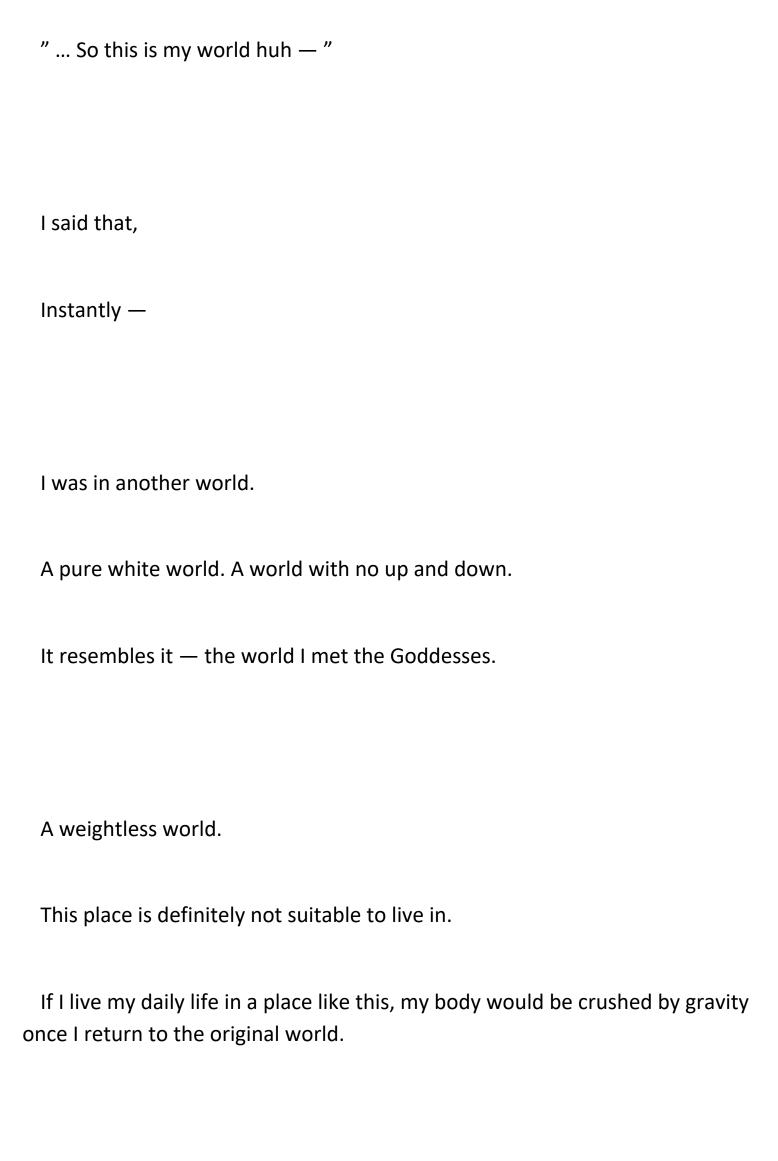
Next, NEET refers to people from age 15 to 34 who are not in employment, not seeking employment, not in education or not in charge of housework. For example, if guarding one's house is said to be under housework, a house guard is not a NEET.

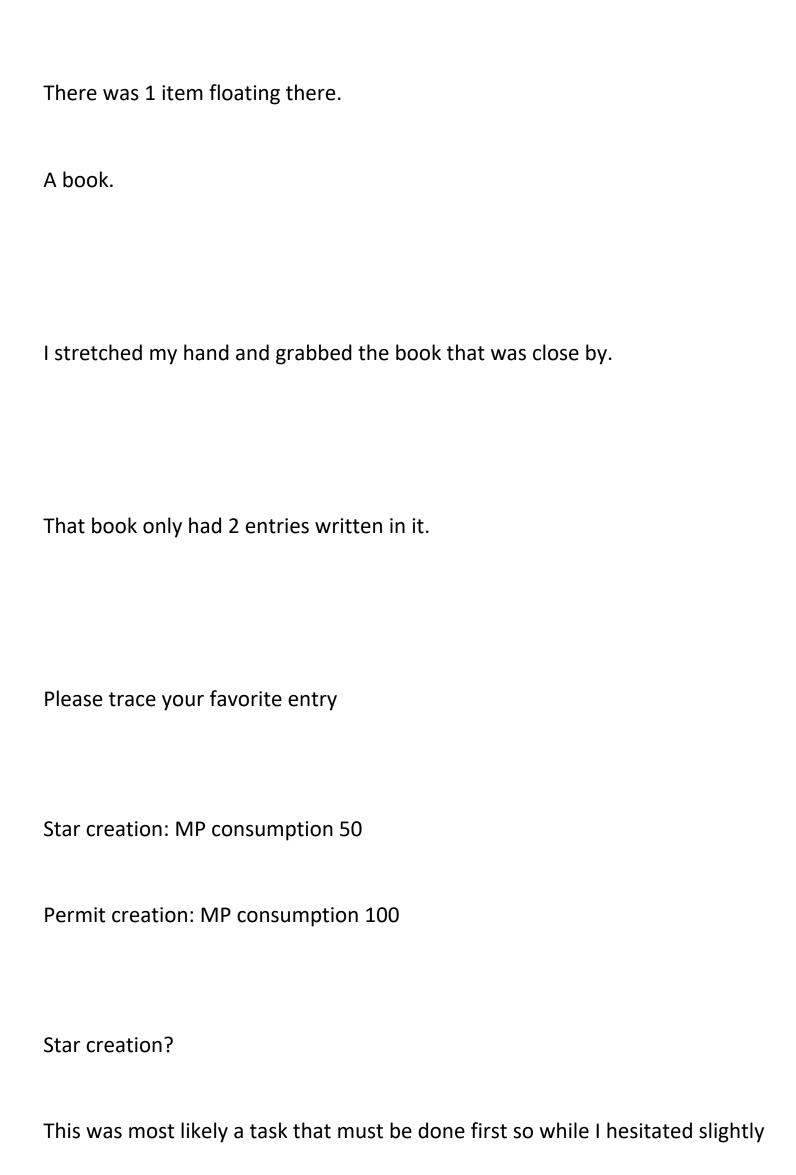
In other words, since I take part in the respectable societal activity of job seeking, I am neither a NEET nor a Hikikomori.

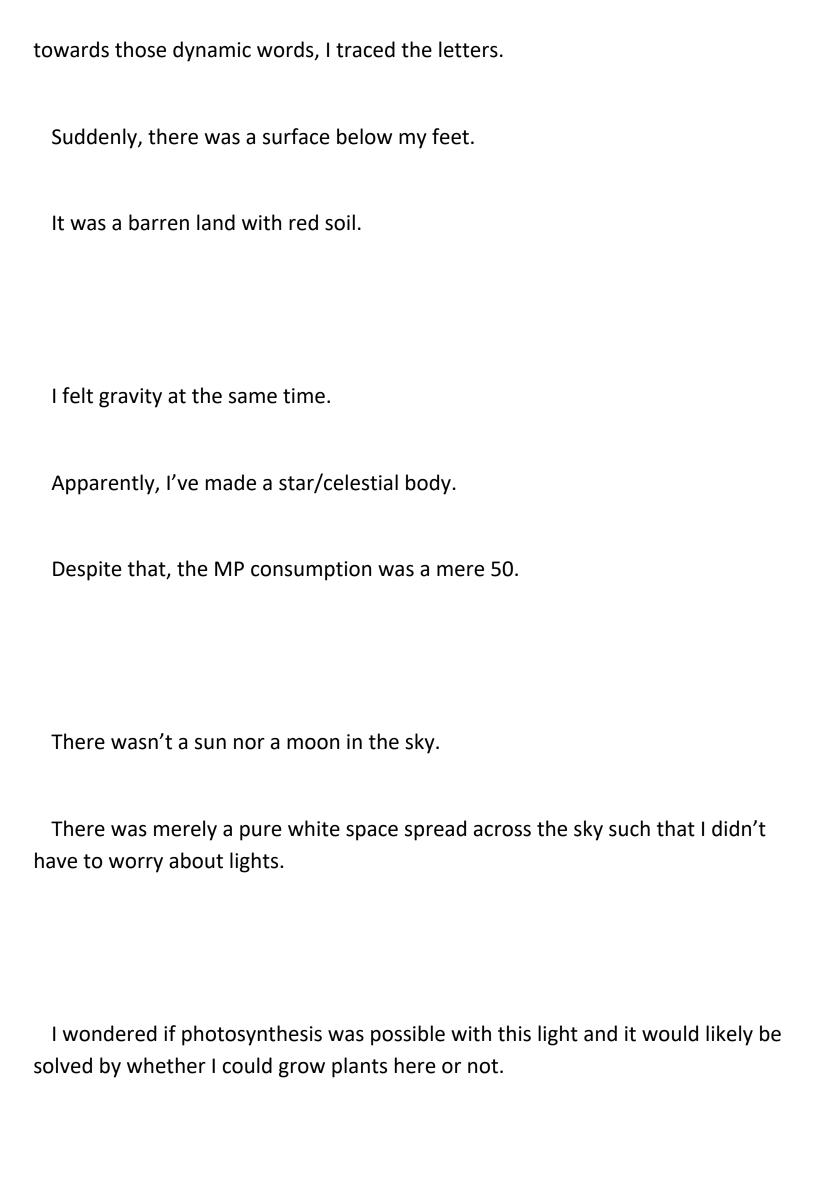


It's probably due to \lceil Grant Magic \rfloor . There were many spells that seemed to be magic meant to be affixed to swords like Fireform or Thunderform.
That was sufficiently cool but that one entry was at the very bottom.
My World Lv – MP consumption 0
A magic with no level and no MP consumption huh?
"「My world」!"
I stretched my arm forward and activated that magic.
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Then, a hole appeared in front of me.

Various magic has been added.



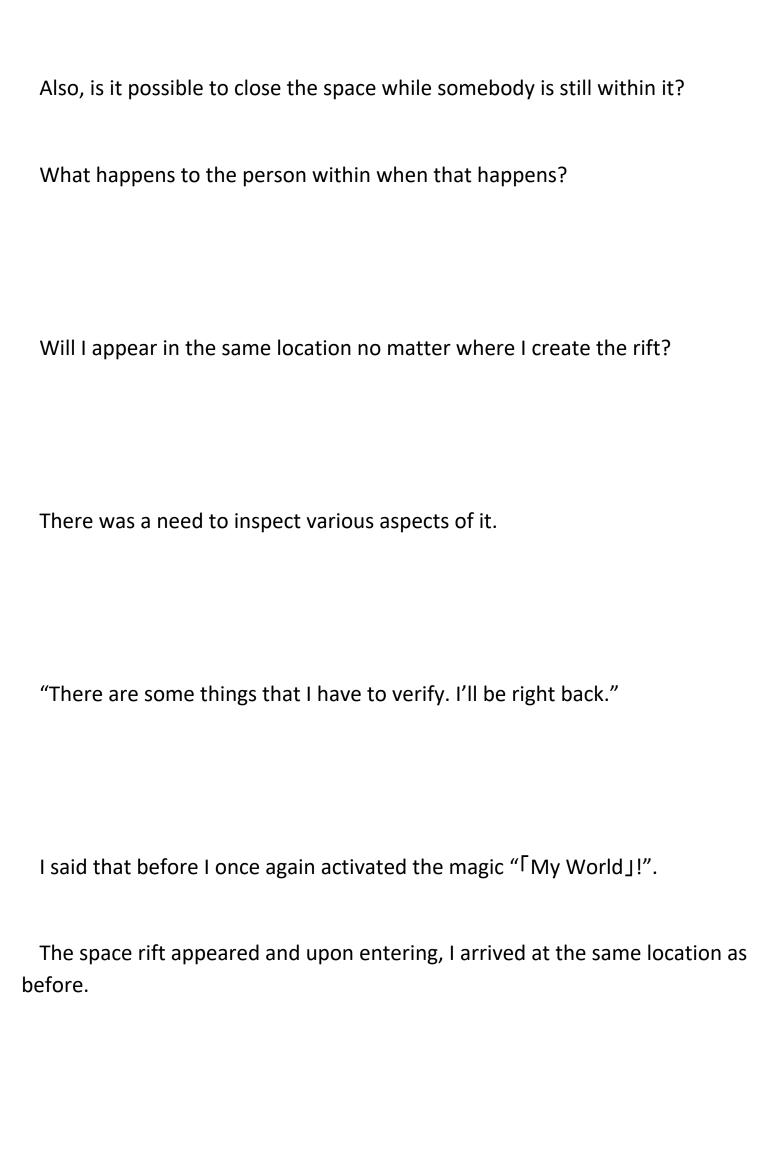








It seems like it is impossible to bring that book out.
When I was missing, the space rift was apparently there. However, the 3 of them could not enter.
There was something I was curious about.
Permit creation. Does that mean, in other words, a person holding onto that will be able to enter my world?
Of course, the usefulness of that skill was high.
It was such an expanse of land. It depends on the condition of the land but it might be good to do some agriculture there.
Besides that, it might be good to construct a house too.
My dream was expanding.



It was a wide flat red land so I can't tell if it's the same place but for the time being, I picked up the book that had fallen on the ground.

Please trace your favorite entry

Star expansion: MP consumption 500

Permit creation: MP consumption 100

Garbage bin creation: MP consumption 200

Water spring creation: MP consumption 100~

Nourishing the land: MP consumption 50

Mine creation: MP consumption 500~

Volcano creation: MP consumption 700~

Lake creation: MP consumption 300~

Plant time transition: MP consumption 1/day

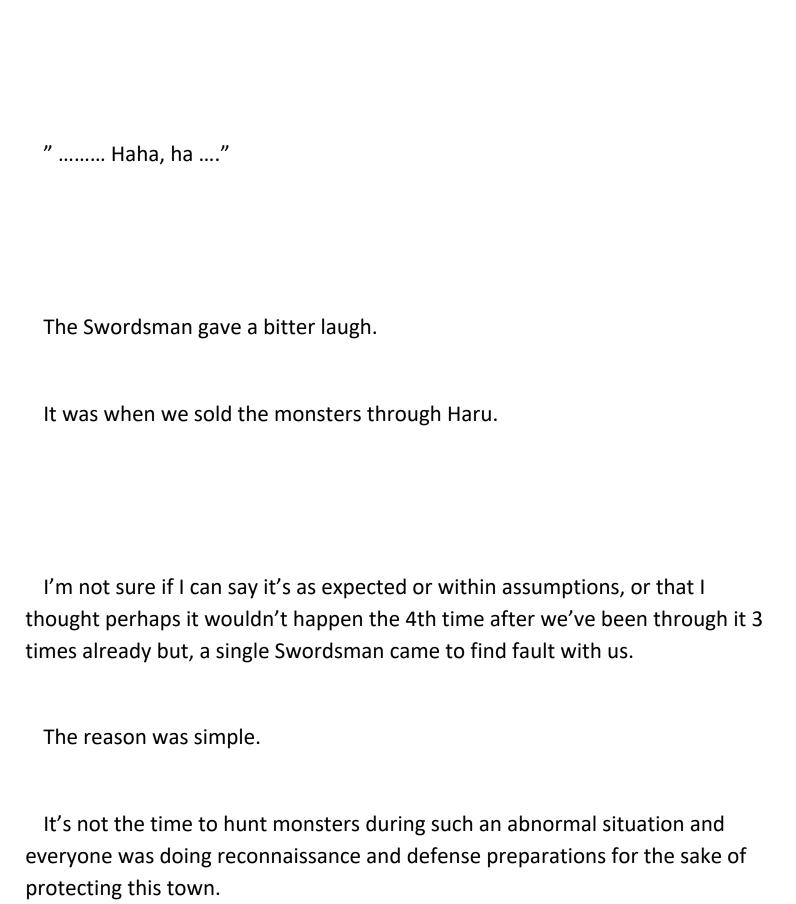
It has increased with various entries. But, 700 MP consumption huh, what a large-scale magic. Rather, can the creation of a volcano even be considered within large-scale magic? I wonder what would happen if I create a lake? Will this location suddenly become a lake? The things that I had to verify was increasing. Also, I'm concerned as to why the MP consumption for a garbage bin is higher than for a water spring. There were other entries that I was interested in but I placed the book down on that spot, took out an arrow from my item bag and pierced it into the ground I was standing on.

Then, when I return to the inn and come here once again, I will be able to find out if I appear in the same location.

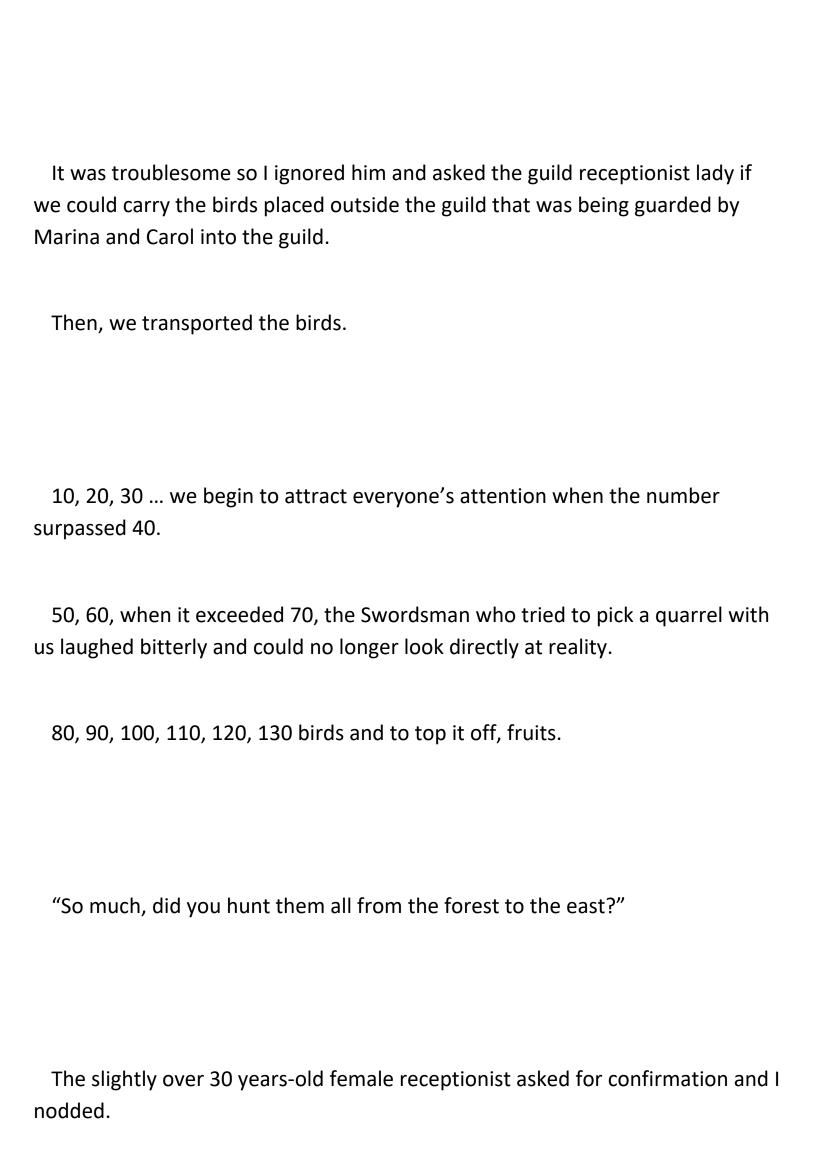


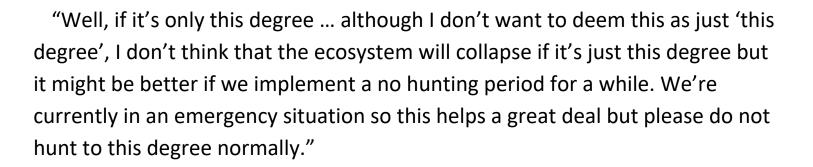
After that, I walked together with the 3 of them to return to Ferruit.

(087) Unexpected rare guest



He told us reasons like that.





"Yes, we'll keep that in mind."

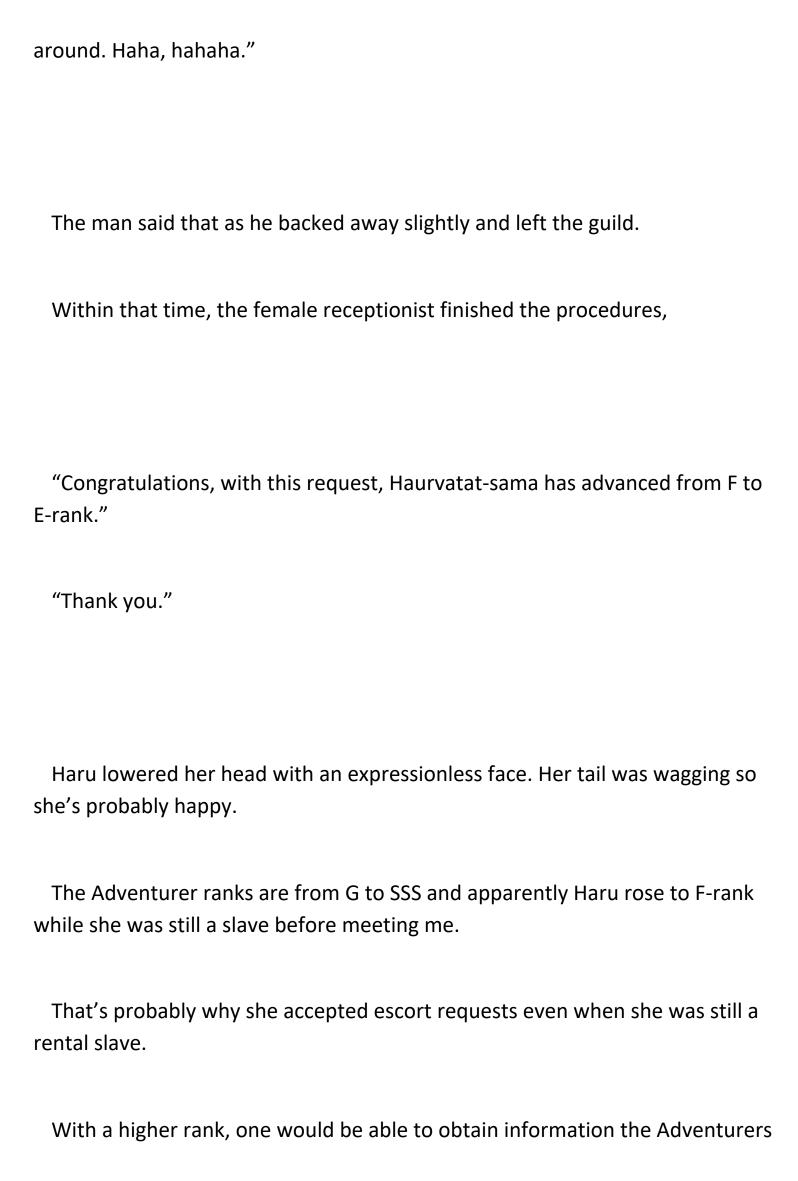
Giving a reply just for the sake of replying, 1 bird earned us 30 sense, 133 birds totaled 3990 sense and together with the price for the fruits we received 4500 sense.

1100 sense per person ... about 110000 yen huh? (TL: Just a reminder for those who don't want to think of exchange rate, remember that 1 sense is about 1 US dollar)

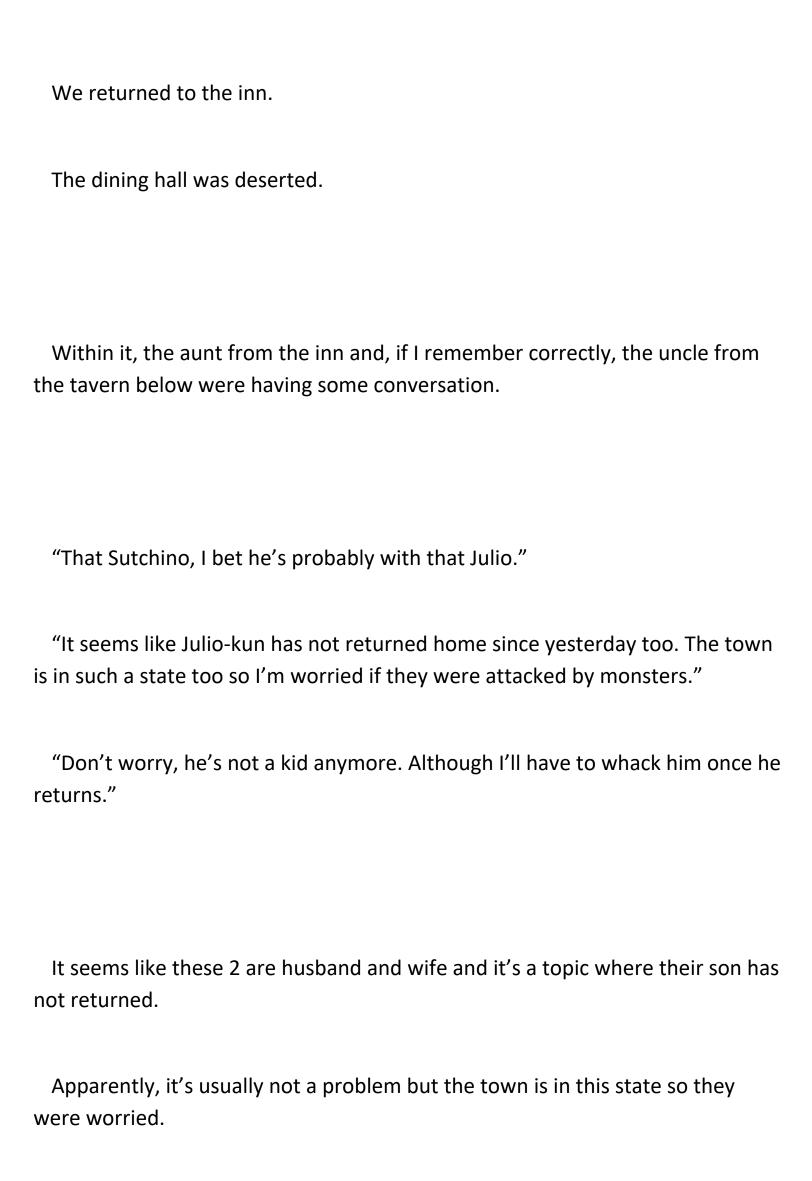
Even so, most of it was earned by Haru and Marina.

"So, Swordsman uncle. Do you have any business with us?"

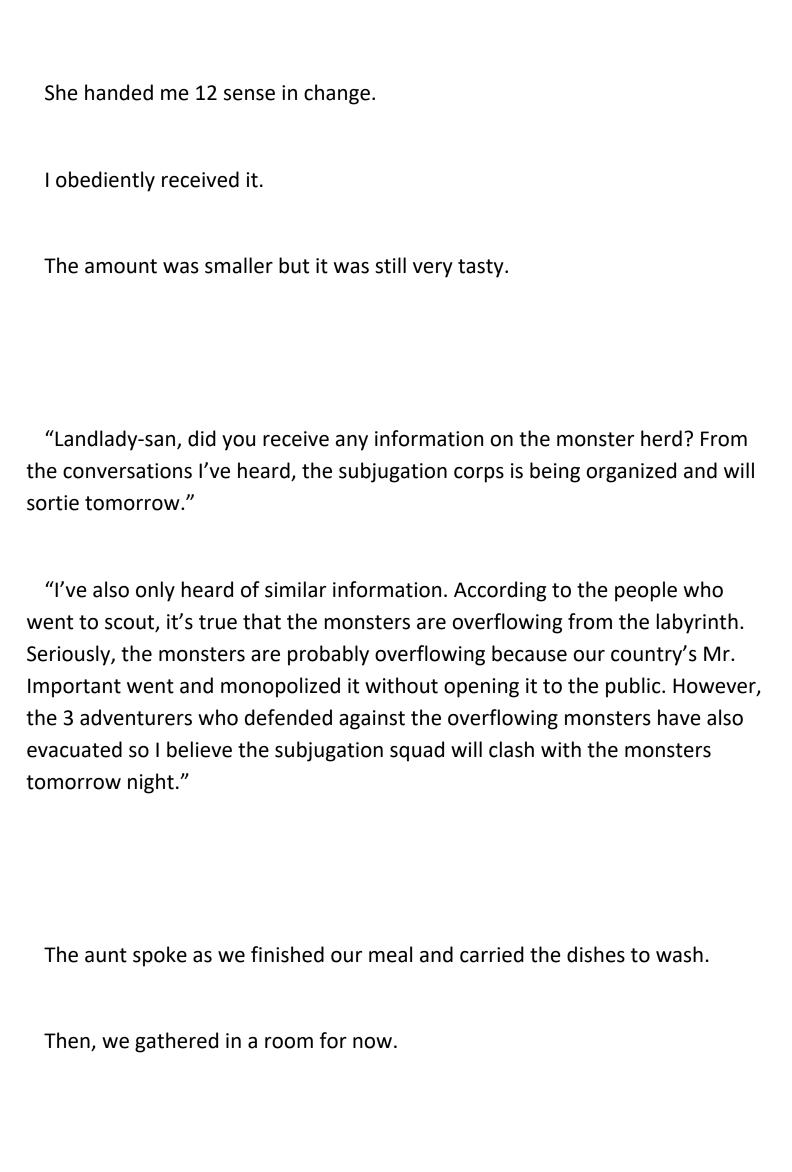
"N, no, it's nothing. Ferruit will be peaceful if there are Hunters like you guys

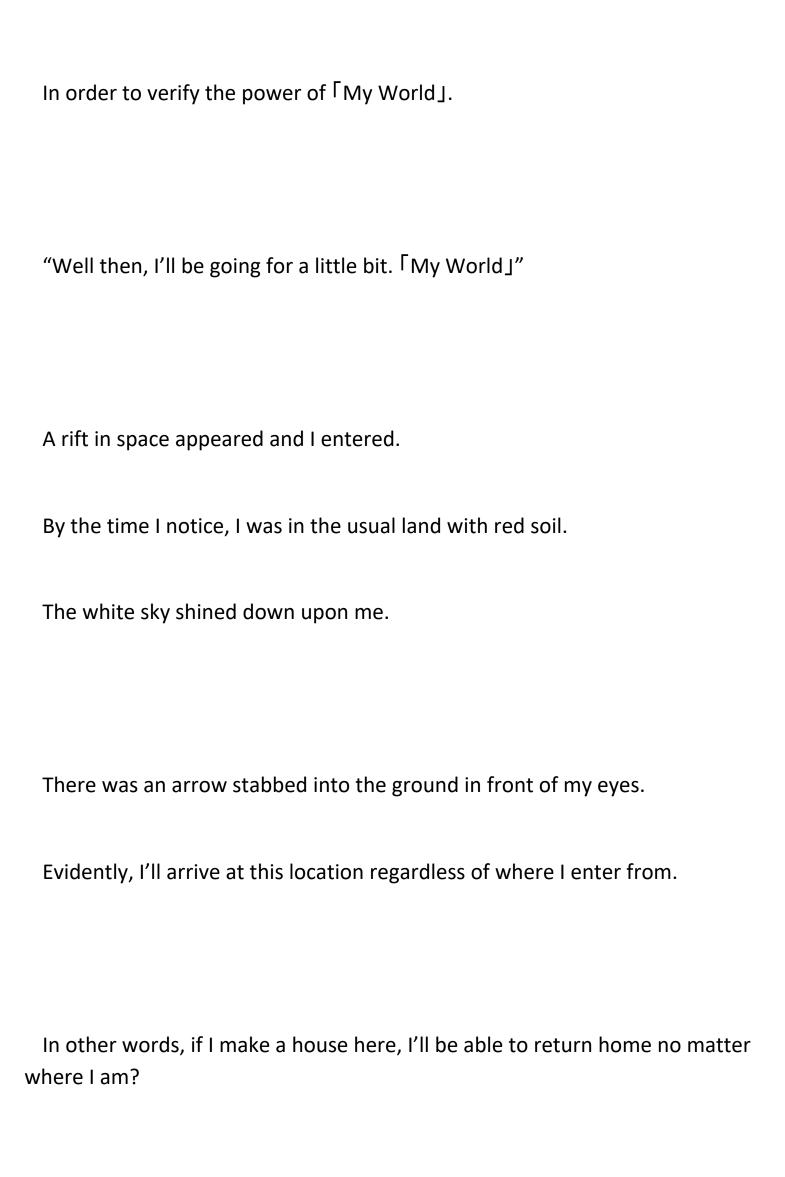


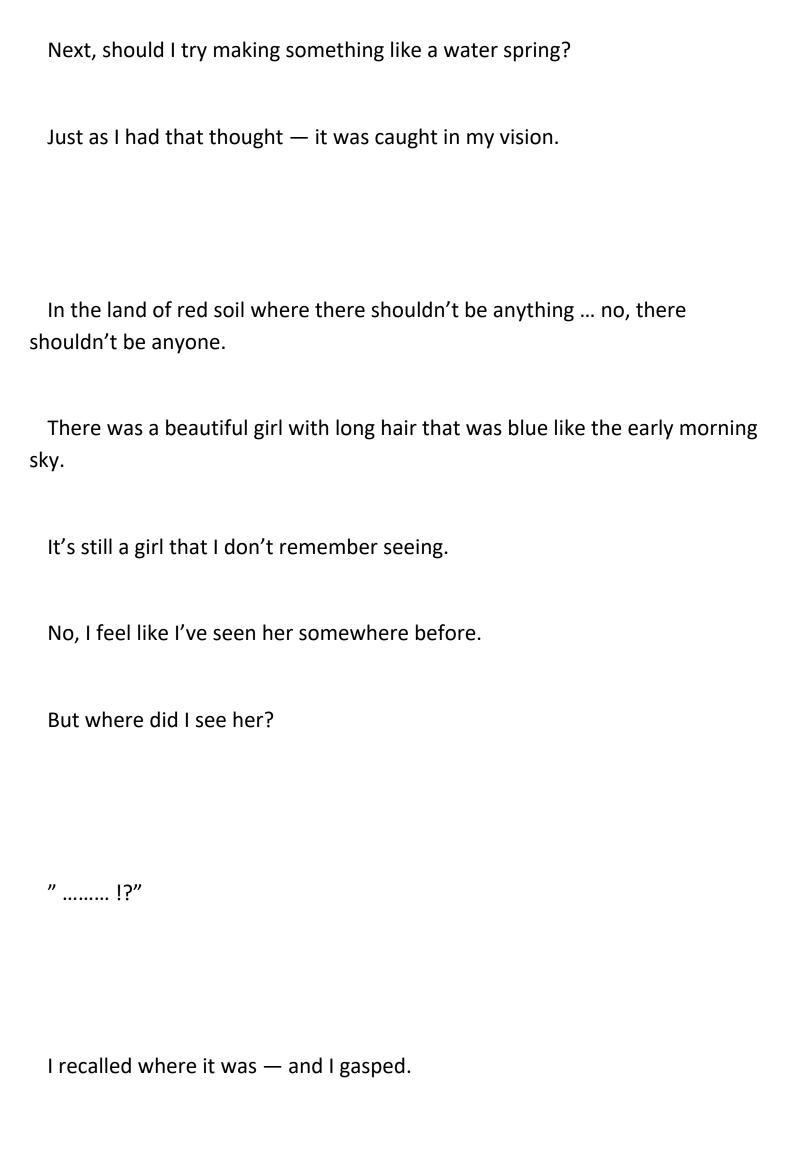
Guild possess and will be able to accept higher difficulty requests.
Leaving the guild, I told Carol and Marina that Haru had promoted and the 2 of them congratulated her too.
"This time, shall we have something like a party for Haru's promotion? Although it would be a bit tough to have it today."
"Since the town is in this state."
There were still many people moving about the town but there was a sense of restlessness.
It's a world with no internet and radio. Information was earned on foot.
It seems like everyone is also desperate to obtain information.
In that sense, I'll have to be grateful for Carol.

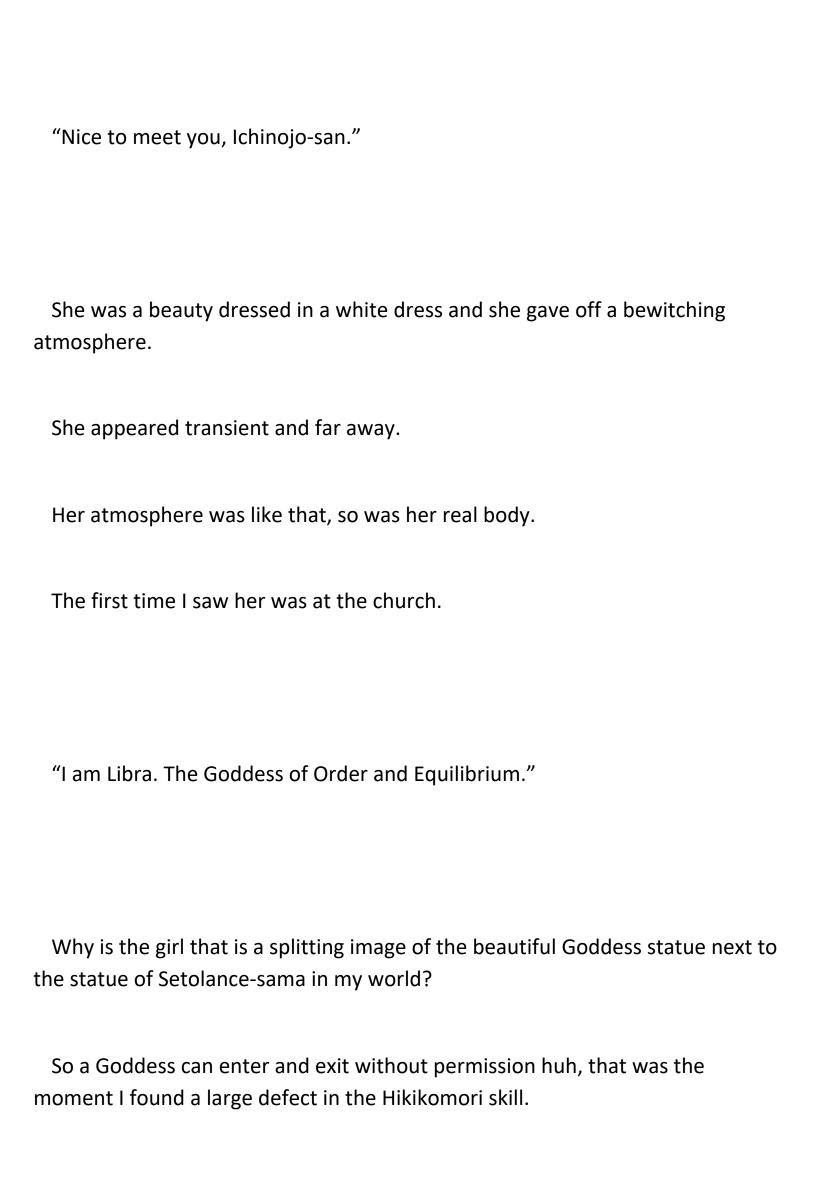






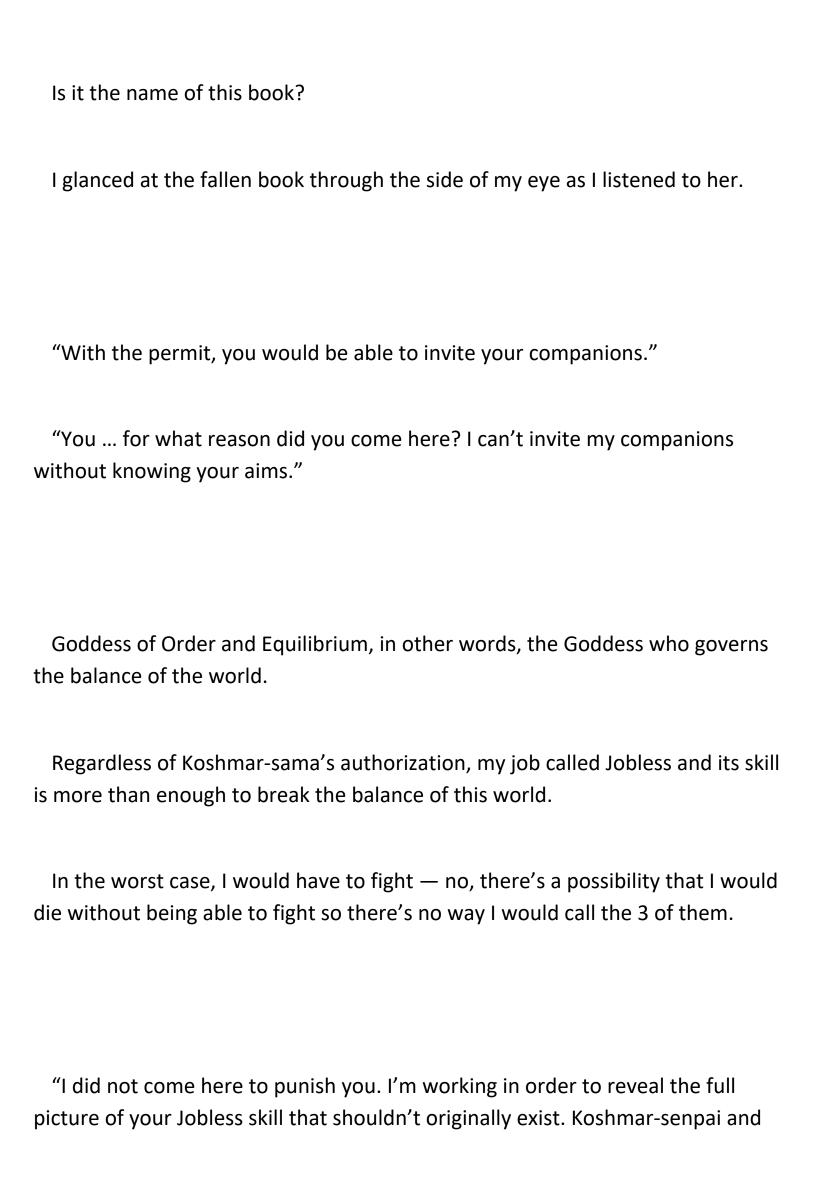


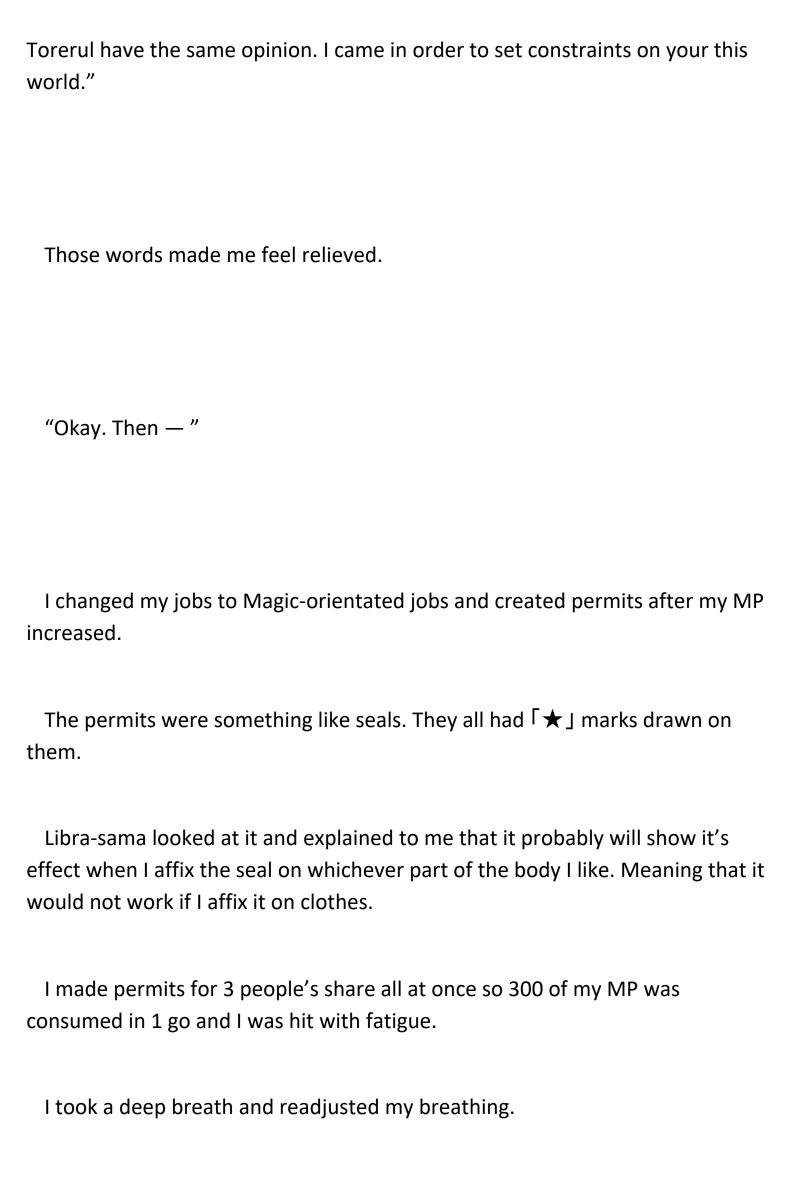


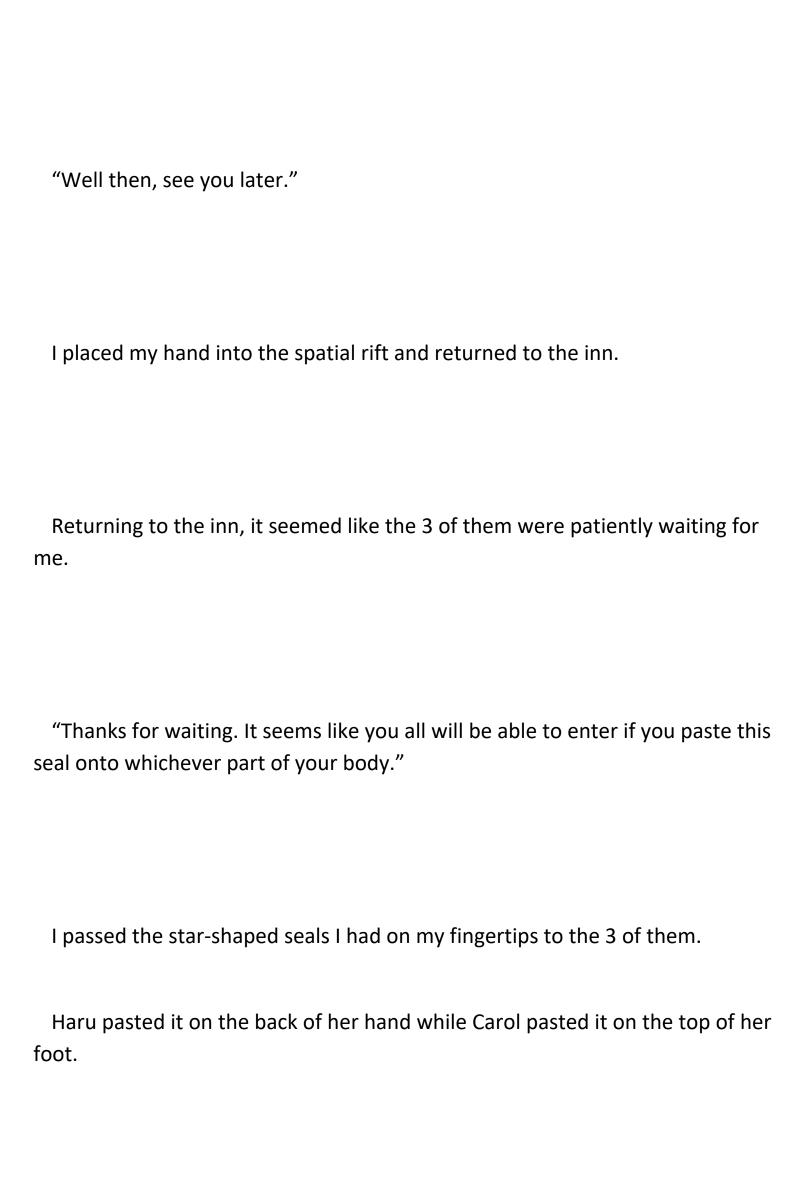


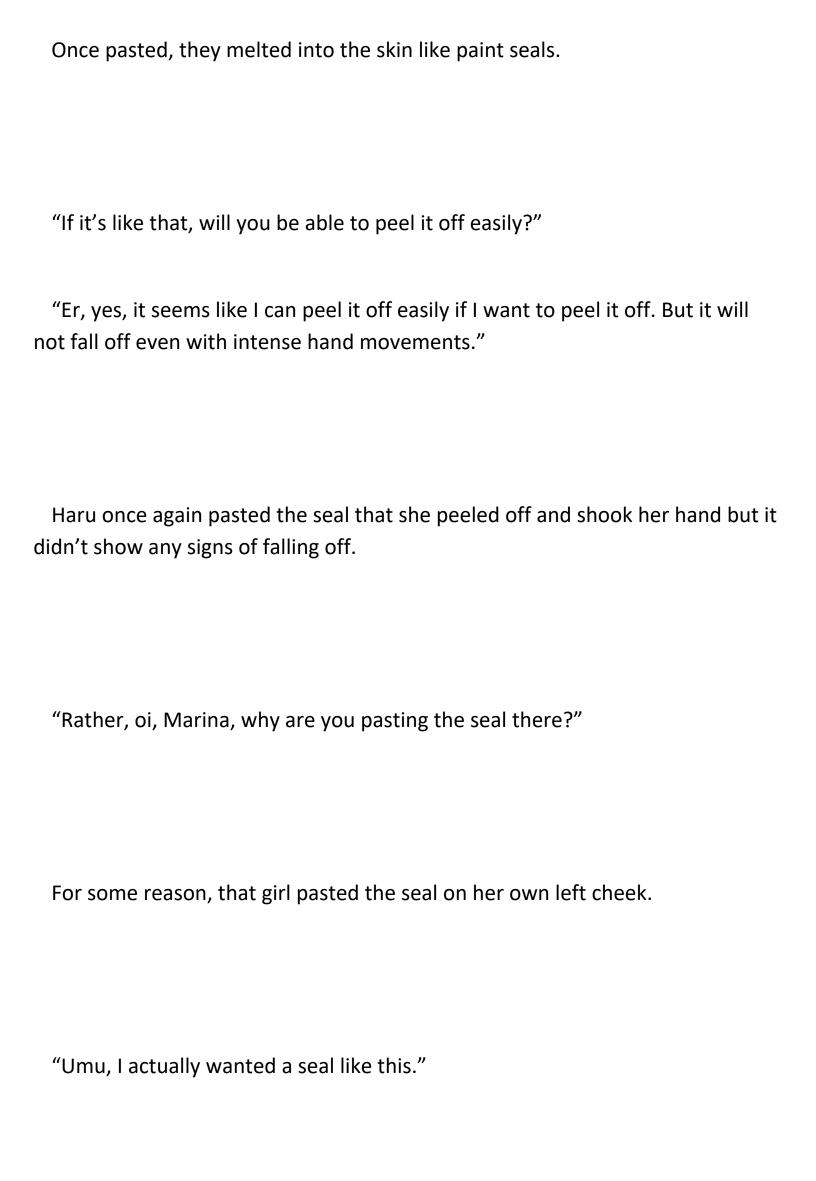
(088) Libra's star visit " Goddess ... sama." Looking at the person in front of me, I guessed that it's really her. She was the girl who I thought looked the most like a Goddess among the 6 Goddesses I saw at the church. And she was in front of my eyes. "If you wish to, you can invite all your companions as well. Just now, I looked through your Book of Heaven and Earth Creation."

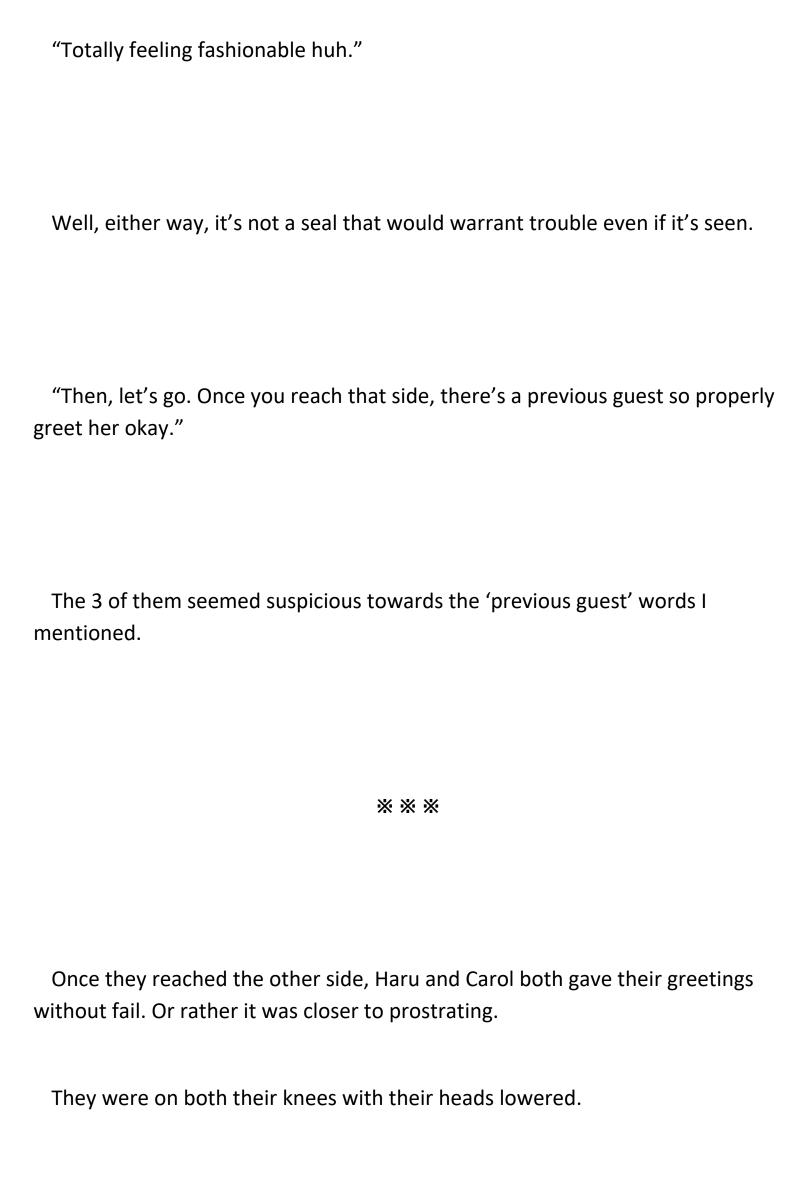
Book of Heaven and Earth Creation ...?

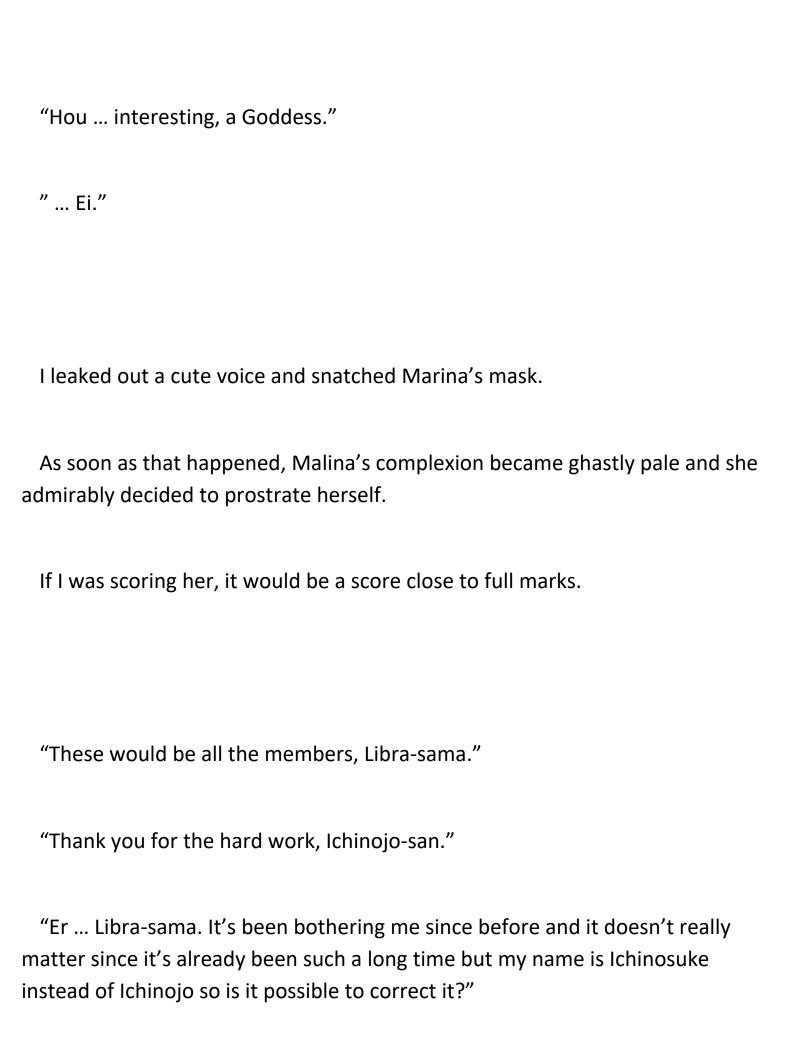








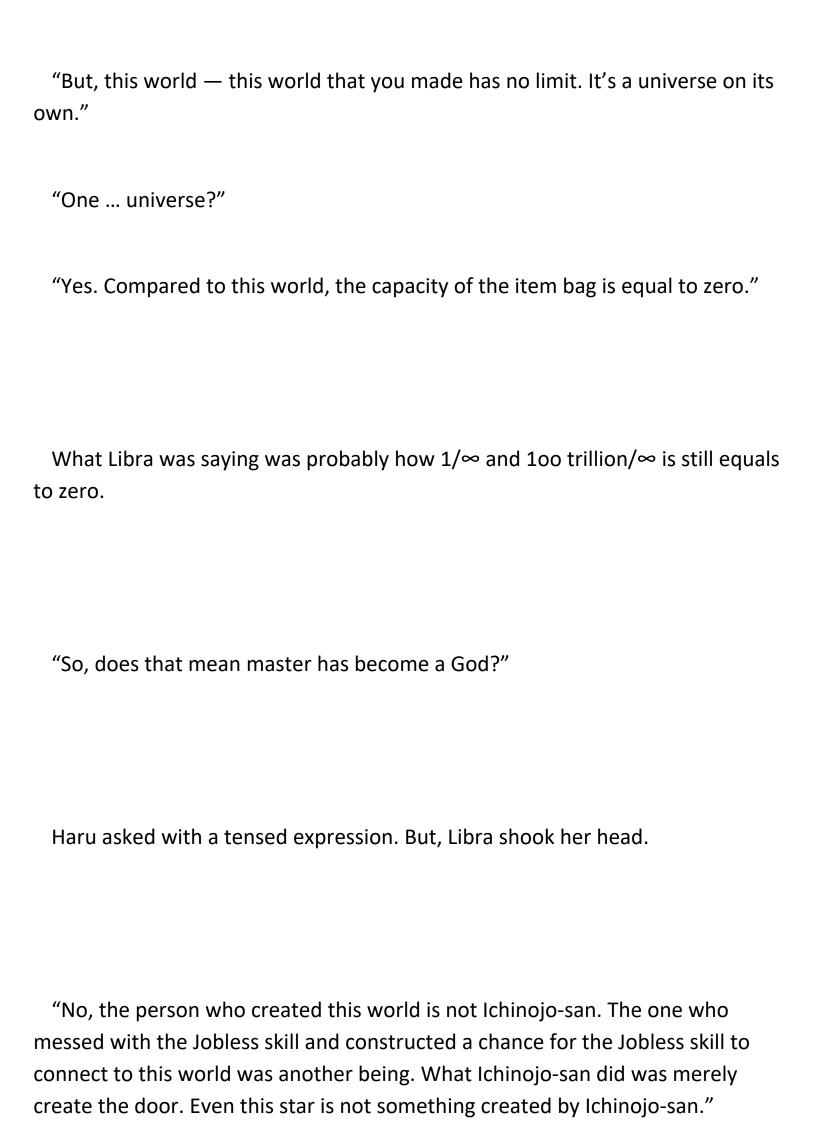


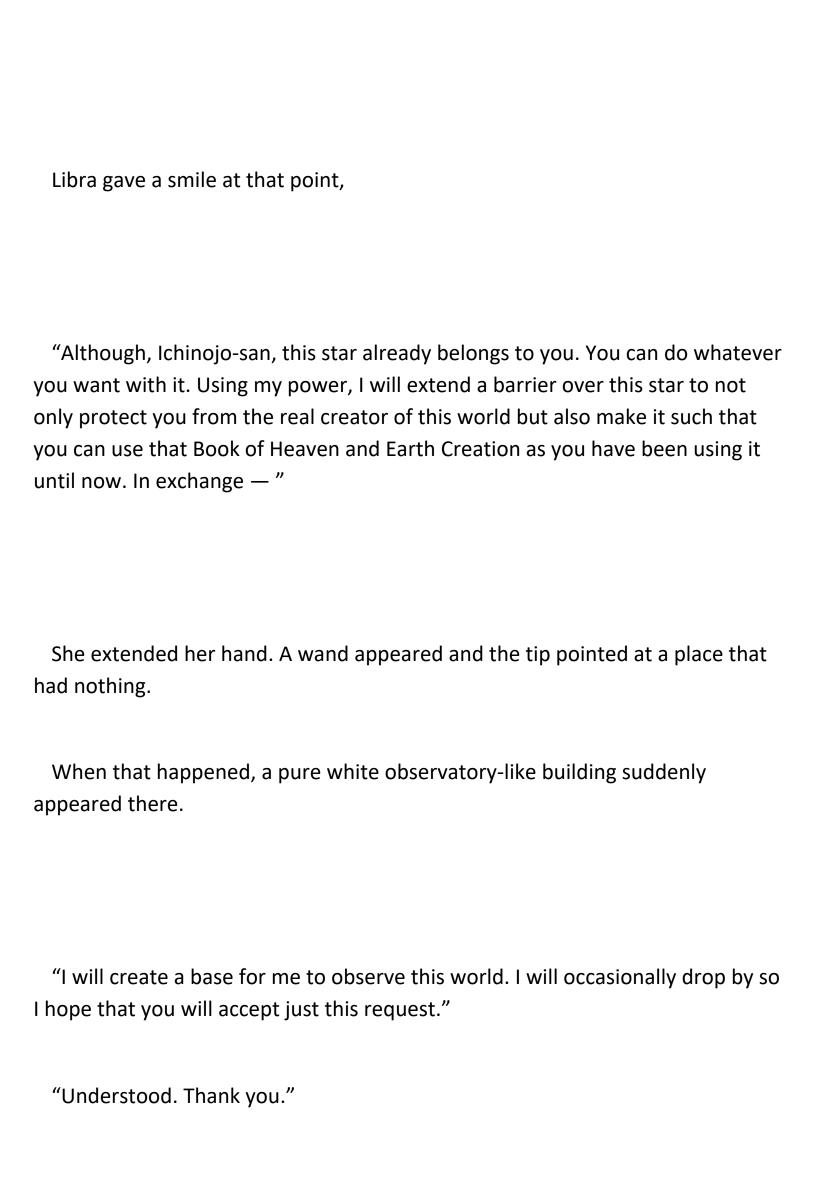






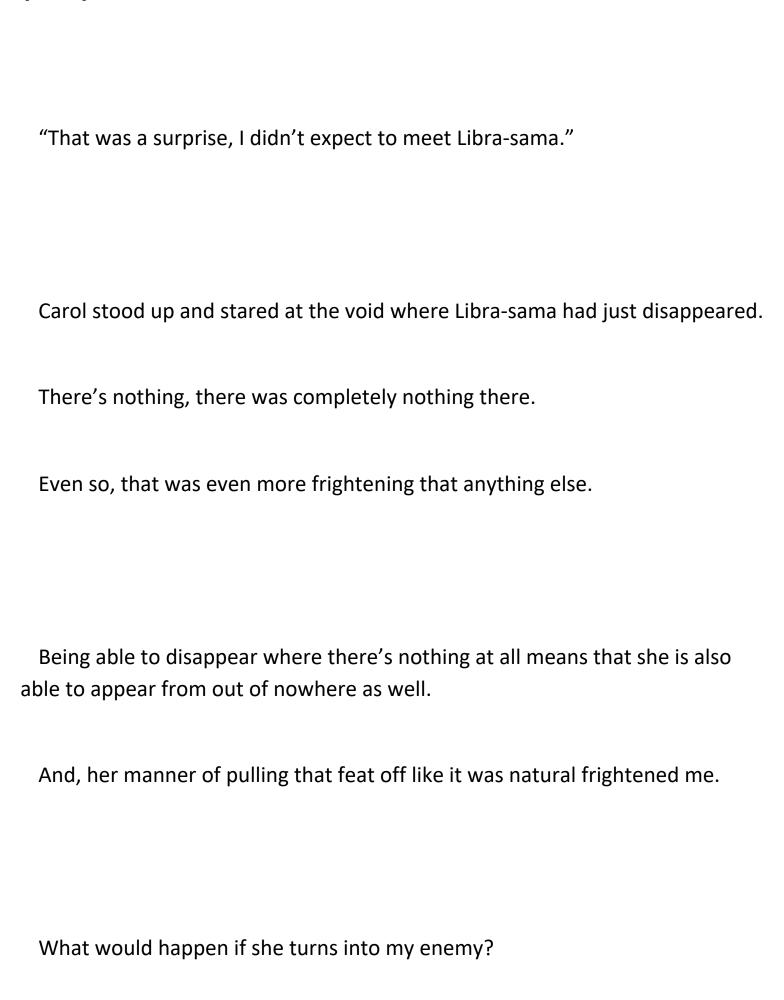
Since after looking at the sky and the spread out pure white space, well, I thought that it resembled the God's world.
"Thankfully, because Ichinojo-san added a restriction by performing Star Creation immediately, the world regained balance and this space was disconnected from the God's domain. That was something delightful to me. For you and for us Goddesses."
"Wait a minute, eh? For this to be the same type as the God's domain, it wasn't an advanced skill in the space-time magic like the item bag?"
"Does Ichinojo-san know the capacity of an item bag?"
"N, no."
"Otherworld it is 1% of the planet you are on."
" Eh?"
1% of a planet, doesn't that mean it's practically infinite?



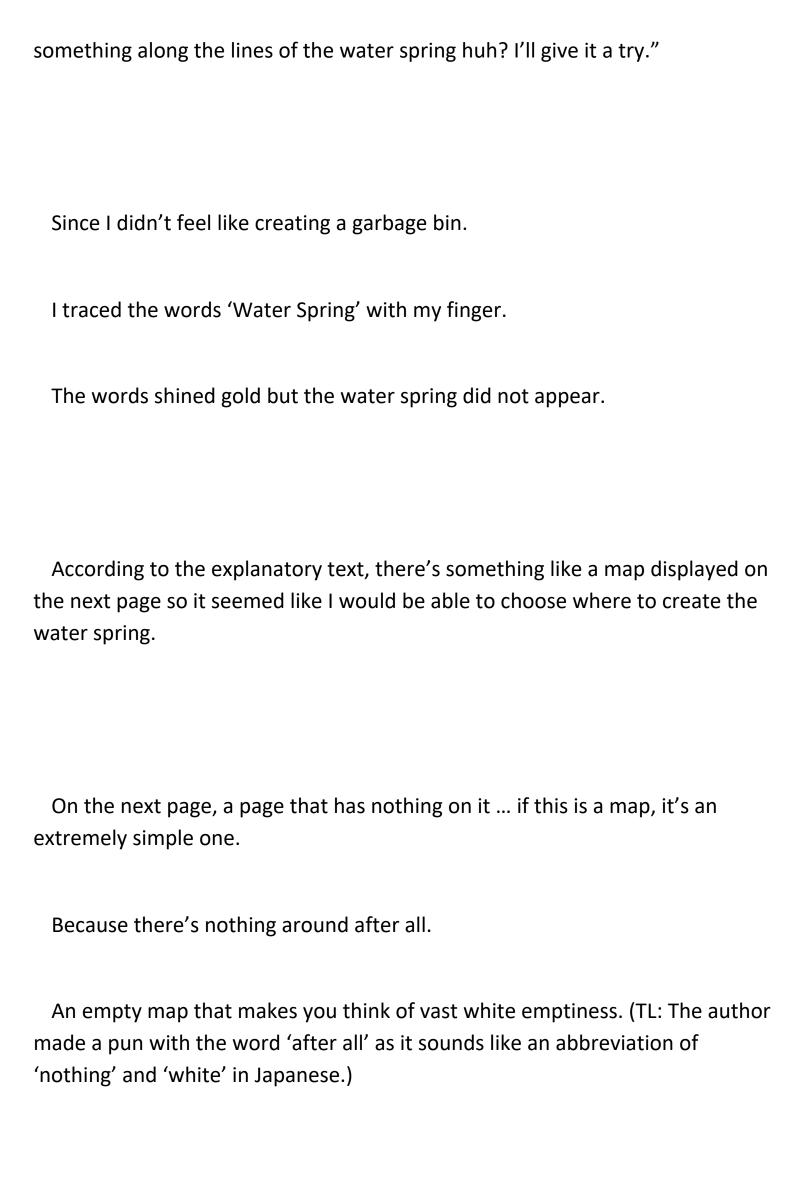


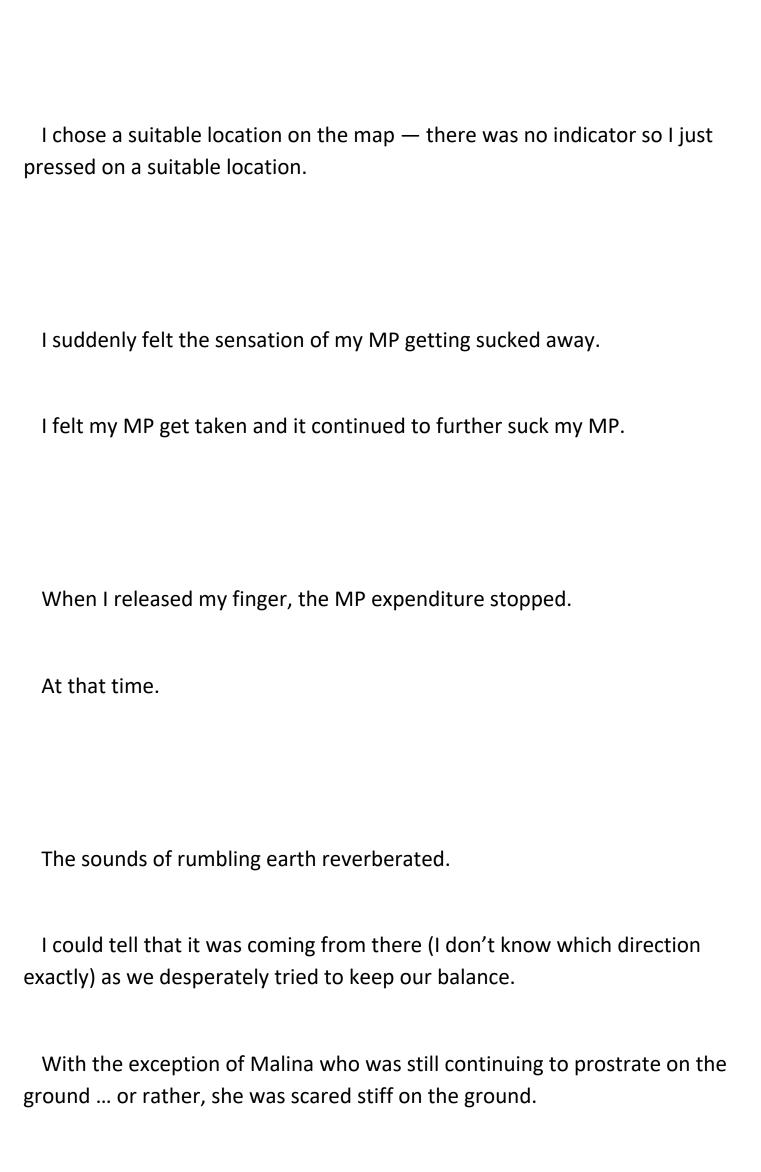
"No, I should be the one who should be thanking you. Thank you for cooperating, Ichinojo-san."
Libra-sama said as she began walking away, her figure gradually became more transparent and finally, she disappeared.
The nervous Haru and Carol stood up after 10 seconds.
Malina was unconscious.

(089) After the Goddess left









Then —
"It's gushing forth!"
It looked as if it was a geyser.
There wasn't any reference object so I could not measure the exact distance but I could clearly see it even though I imagine it was a couple of kilometers away.
The water gushing forth gradually lost its momentum but it didn't look like it was going to stop.
I imagine it would remain like that for a while.

"It might form a pond if it continues like this no, maybe because the land is parched but the water is getting absorbed into the surface huh?"
Without variation in elevation on the surface, it would be hard for water to remain in a single location.
It might have been better if I made something like a mountain first.
"This is master's power"
"No, Libra-sama said that this is not my power but someone else's power although I'm apparently borrowing Libra-sama's power now, but is the consumption of MP courtesy from my end? Maybe I'll try buying some plant seeds next time and try planting them. Carol, could I entrust it to you to prepare some seeds of plants that might be marketable?"
"Understood."
"Malina, it's about time you pull yourself together!"
"Haiii!"

Malina, whose back I tapped, stood straight up and then stiffened.

Just how nervous can she be ... if it's like this, she was probably in a similar condition when she met Torerul-sama and it might have ended that way (TL: Her getting the Street Performer job) because she agreed to whatever Torerul-sama told her.

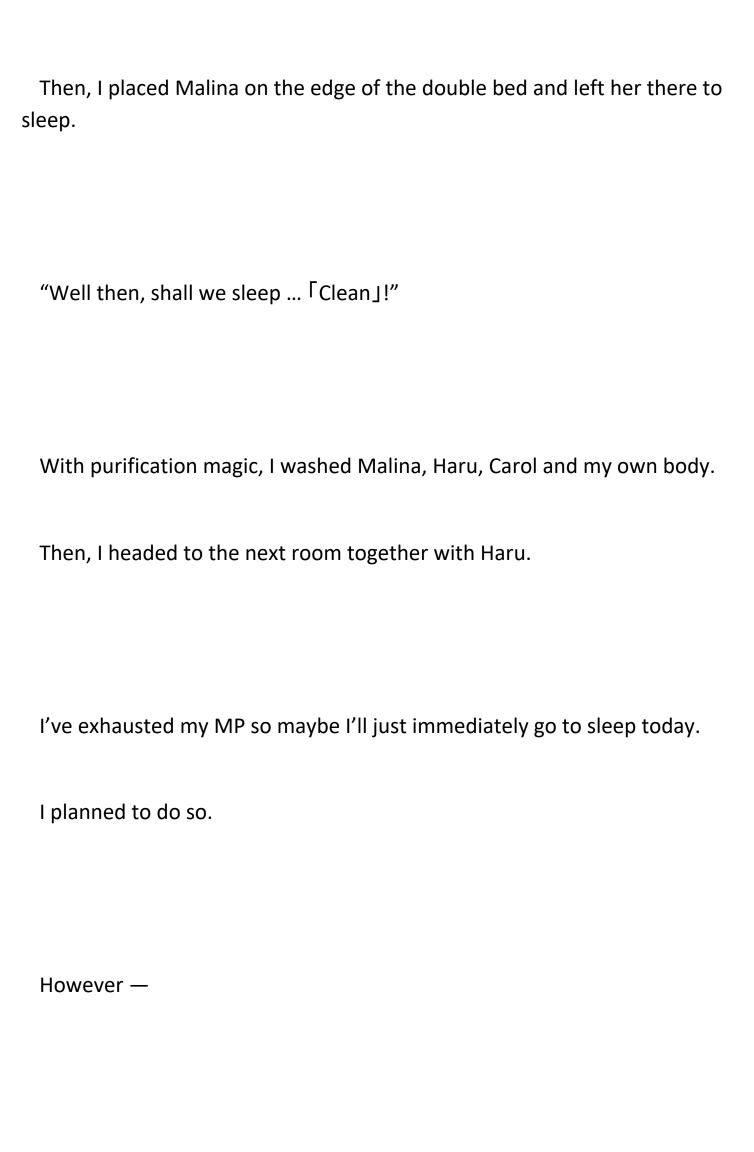
I've been feeling sorry for Malina until now but if that was what happened, she's reaping what she sow, I end up pitying Torerul-sama instead who had to deal with Malina as she was too nervous and couldn't speak a single word.

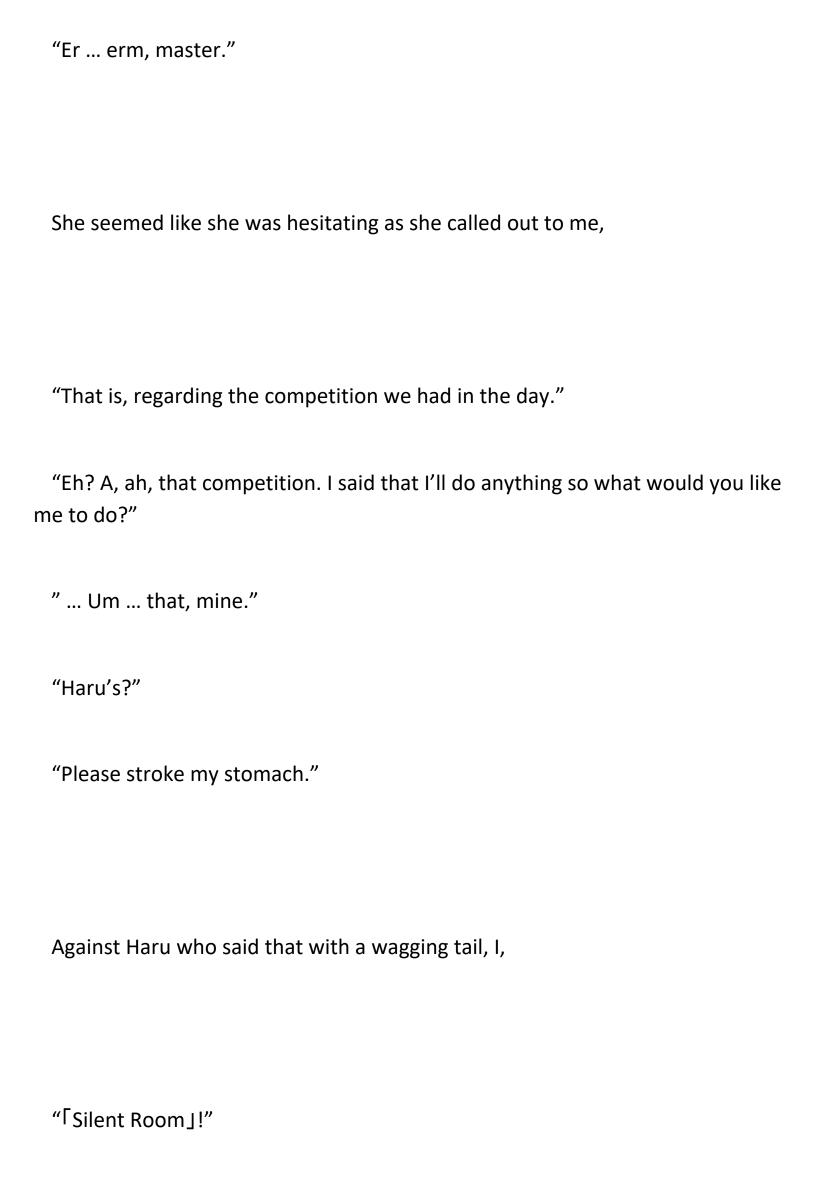
It's probably useless to do anything now as she has lost consciousness so even putting on her mask would likely be useless.

I placed the book down beside my foot, carried Malina on my shoulder and passed through the rift in space.

We successfully returned to the inn we were formerly in.

Carol and Haru also returned.





I could no longer bother about the remaining amount of my MP.

Even though the town was in an abnormal situation, I acted like an idiot as usual.

(090) Side Story [Upheaval starts]

Along the timeline, this happened around when Ichinosuke obtained the 「D」 (TL: Doujinshi)

"Wah, amazing! For the monsters around this area to totally not measure up to you."

Julio was flattering Jofre and Elise.

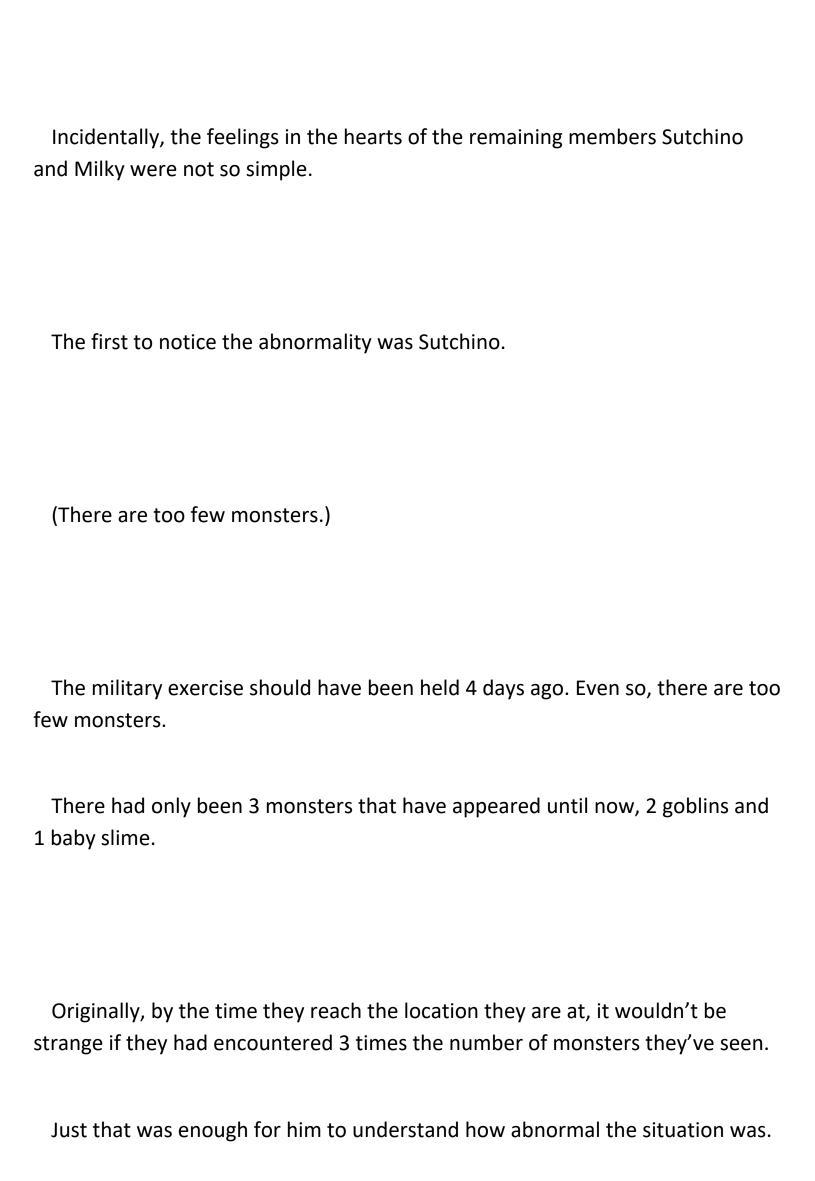
Jofre and Elise were indeed slicing the monsters around the area in 2 with his golden sword or delivering swift judgment with her silver whip.

Even if their appearances were seen without the biased light Julio saw them in, they still seemed great.

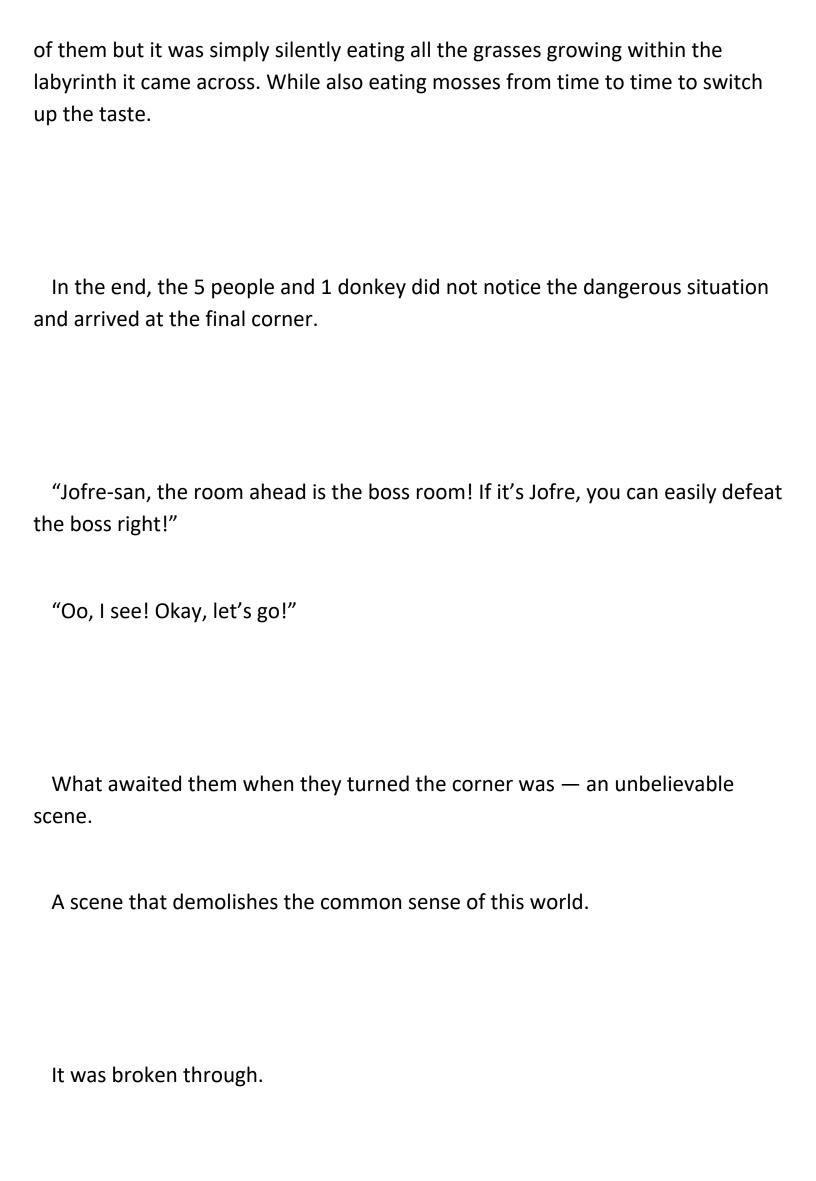
However, they just appear to be so but it's not the truth.

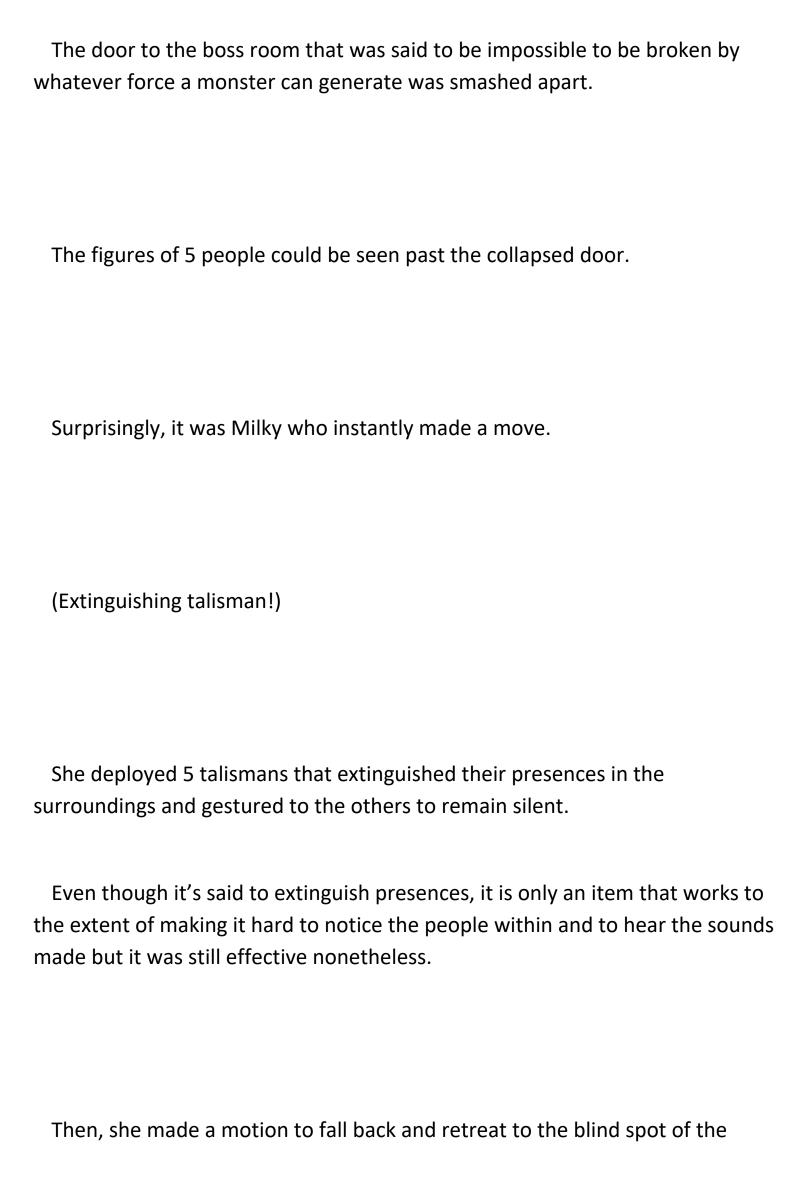
This labyrinth is a beginner's labyrinth and is meant for the sake of leveling up

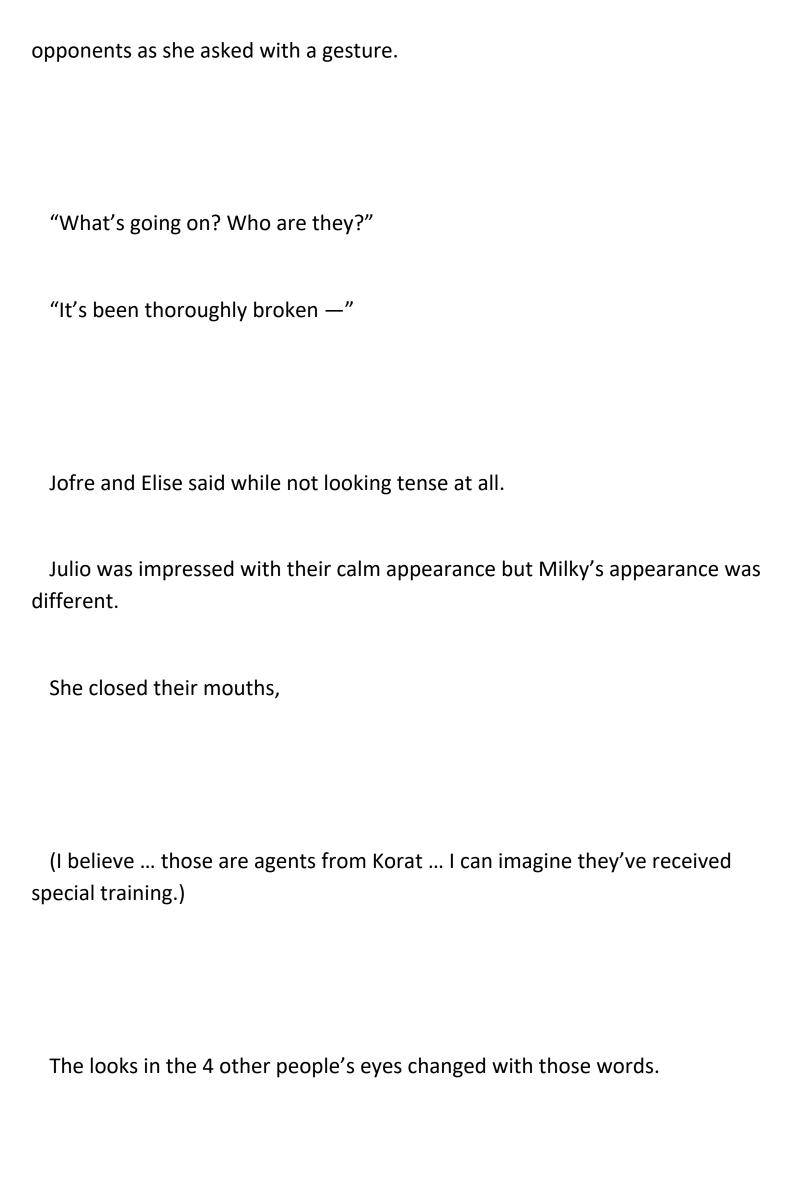


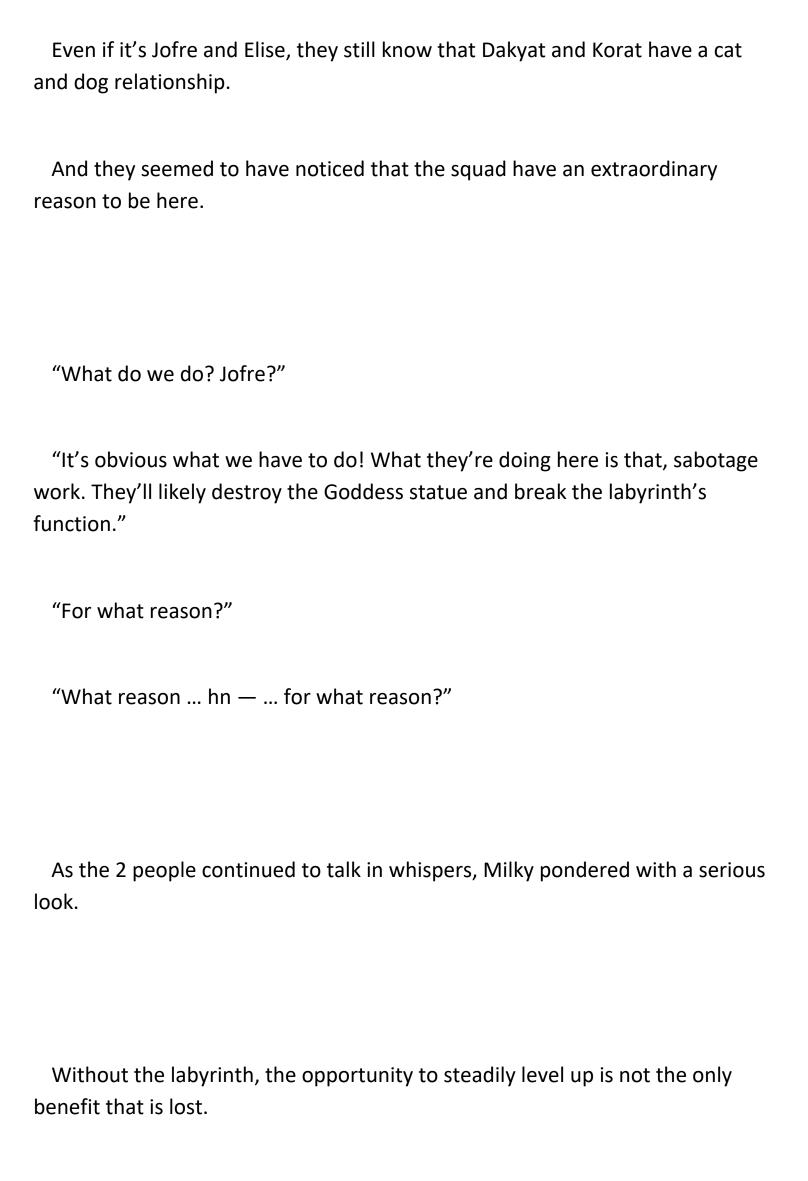


However, Sutchino gloated.
(I sure am lucky. If there's just these few monsters, those 2 won't be able to play much of an active role and they probably won't make requests when asking for their cut. They would probably be satisfied if we hand them all the magic stone and items dropped by the defeated monsters.)
Rather than consider the possibility of a dangerous situation happening, Sutchino's shallow personality that can only calculate the money that has tumbled into his sights will be the ruin of him.
Then, for Milky,
(Fufufu, very nice, Juli x Jof, ahh, it can work! The greatest story is unfolding.
As usual, she was lost in fascination with her delusions.
Incidentally, there was also a slow donkey called Centaur together with the !









Without the function of gathering miasma, the surrounding monsters will go berserk and it's plausible that the miasma will instead gather in the labyrinth at Korat's side and make it easier for Korat troops to level up.

The strength of troops doesn't only rely on the performance of their weapons and their numbers, levels are also an important factor.

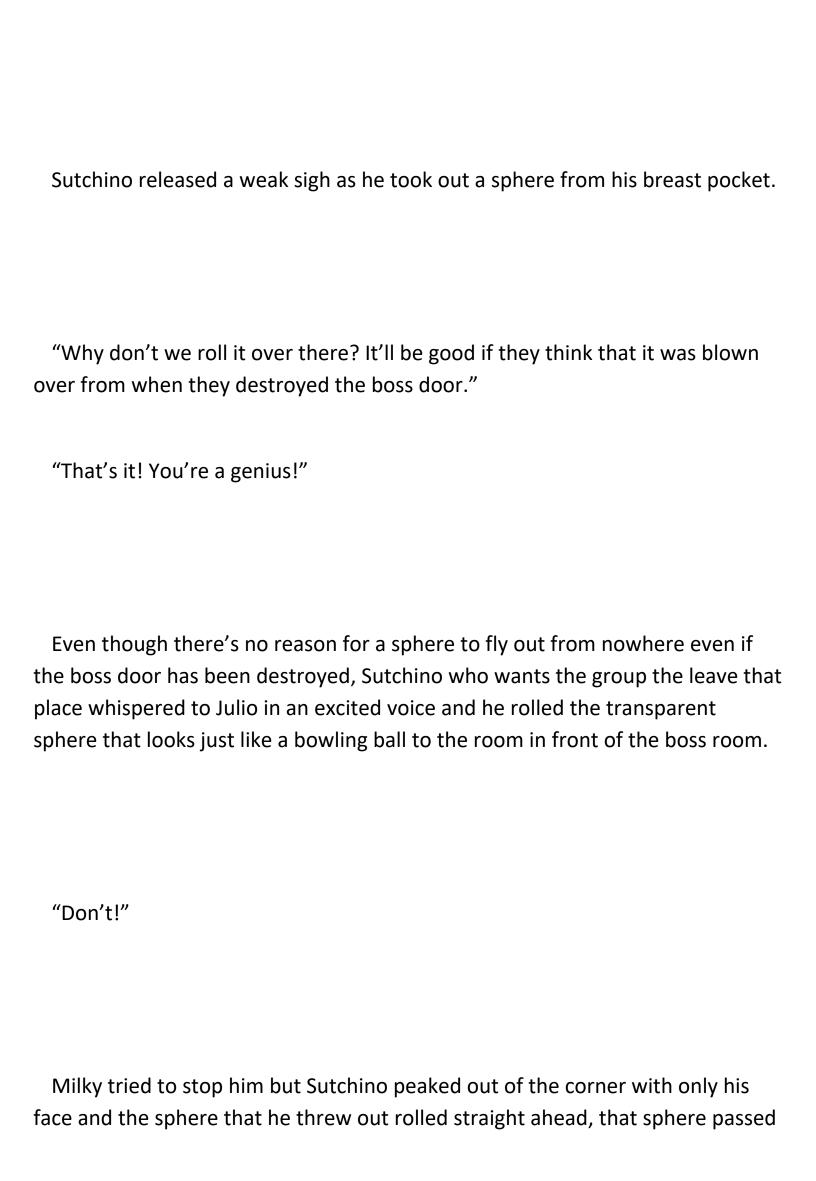
That's why there is a reason to destroy the labyrinth and Jofre was not altogether wrong.

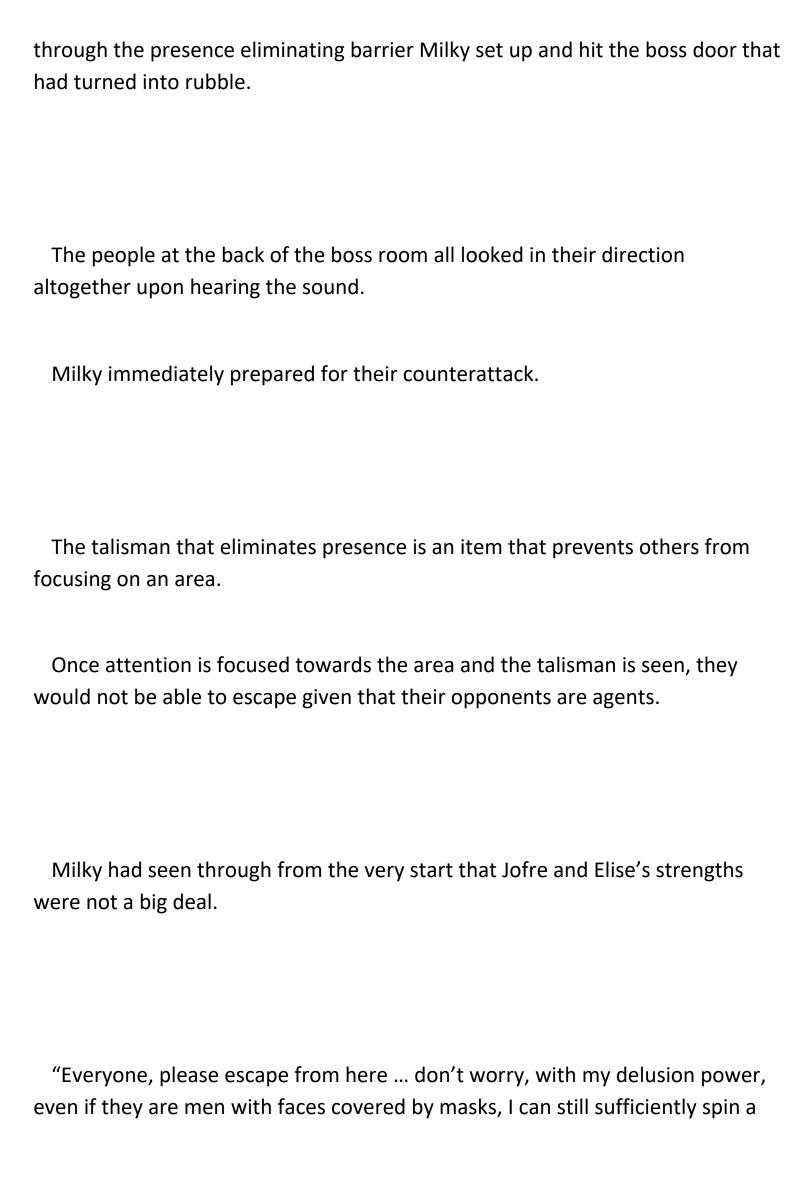
Milky thought to herself.

(But, how did they destroy it? I don't think it's possible to destroy the boss room door using regular methods.)

If they have such technology, wouldn't there be more efficient methods to use it instead of making use of it in such a roundabout manner like coming all the way here for sabotage works? Milky thought.

"What do we do Julio. With those people there, we won't be able to place this."

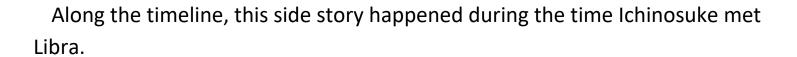








(091) Side Story \(\text{Demon Lord VS Goddess} \)



Side Story [Miri and the Goddesses]

She — Kusunoki Miri was in a white space.

She was not uneasy or anything in particular.

There were 2 Goddesses who were waiting for her there.

Both of them were faces that she knew — but it was the first time she met them directly, face-to-face.

In front of her was a plump girl and a girl about the same age as her.

She has seen both of them as Goddess statues but Miri thought to herself that they really resemble them.

Just now it was described that there were 2 people but to be accurate, it should have been described as 2 Goddesses. (TL: This sentence doesn't really translate well into English because Japanese has counters for people and items unlike English. The counter he used just now was the counter for people but the counter he mentioned now is the counter for Gods.)

Those girls were Goddesses.

"I met Goddess Krail 1000 years ago but is she not around? Goddess Koshmar and Goddess Torerul. This is quite a good treatment for 2 Goddesses to take charge of a mere middle school girl. Is this the usual treatment for Wanderers? Or did you come to kill me because it will be a bad if I reincarnate? If so, I will not show mercy even if my opponents are Goddesses."

Miri said and spread both arms.

Her body slowly rotated in that gravity-less world.

No, maybe the 2 Goddesses are the ones rotating while she's the one remaining in place — Miri thought in a corner of a corner of her mind as she confirmed the power gathering in her hands.







"Of course, we will reincarnate you. Even if we, even if the world of Otherworld doesn't wish for your reincarnation, it is still the rule of the world. However, currently a small problem has occurred so could you please wait a moment?"

"Really? That's great. I don't really feel like I can win against Koshmar-sama even if I seriously try. Though I think I can have a good match with the small one there. Right? Goddess-san who has the same twin-tail hairstyle as me?"

Miri declared and stared at Torerul.

Upon doing so, Torerul who had been keeping quiet the whole time,

"I, if I go all out, I can show you how I down you with just a single pinky." (TL: She changed the way she referred to herself from the regular 'I' to the 'I' used by kings/queens. Translators usually translate it as 'we' but it would be slightly confusing here so I left it as 'I')

"Wow, that sounds like quite a champion of the end of the century. As expected of Goddess-sama." (TL: It's either a reference to Fist of the North Star or just a way of sarcastically praising her)



The 2 felt her distorted love towards her brother and felt that they have seen for the first time the true essence of the girl named Kusunoki Miri. Especially Torerul, she shuddered at the thought of what would have happened if she gave the 「Street Performer job release」 blessing that she gave to some other person at some other place previously instead.

In response to Miri's question, the 2 Goddesses answered respectively with the blessings that they gave.
Miri burst into laughter the moment after she heard their replies.

(092) Pioneer Diary Part 1

If I am to say the familiar words I say every morning, my Philanderer level rose by 1.
The reason is because I was tired yesterday as I expended too much MP.
Then, this morning, I purchased a large amount of wheat seeds from shops.
After that, I went to the stone dealer and bought as many stone materials as could and stored them all inside my item bag.
" Though the material I really want the most is human resource."
I muttered like I was grumbling.
As expected, I won't be able to buy human resources at the general store and

I don't have any intention of increasing my slave companions.

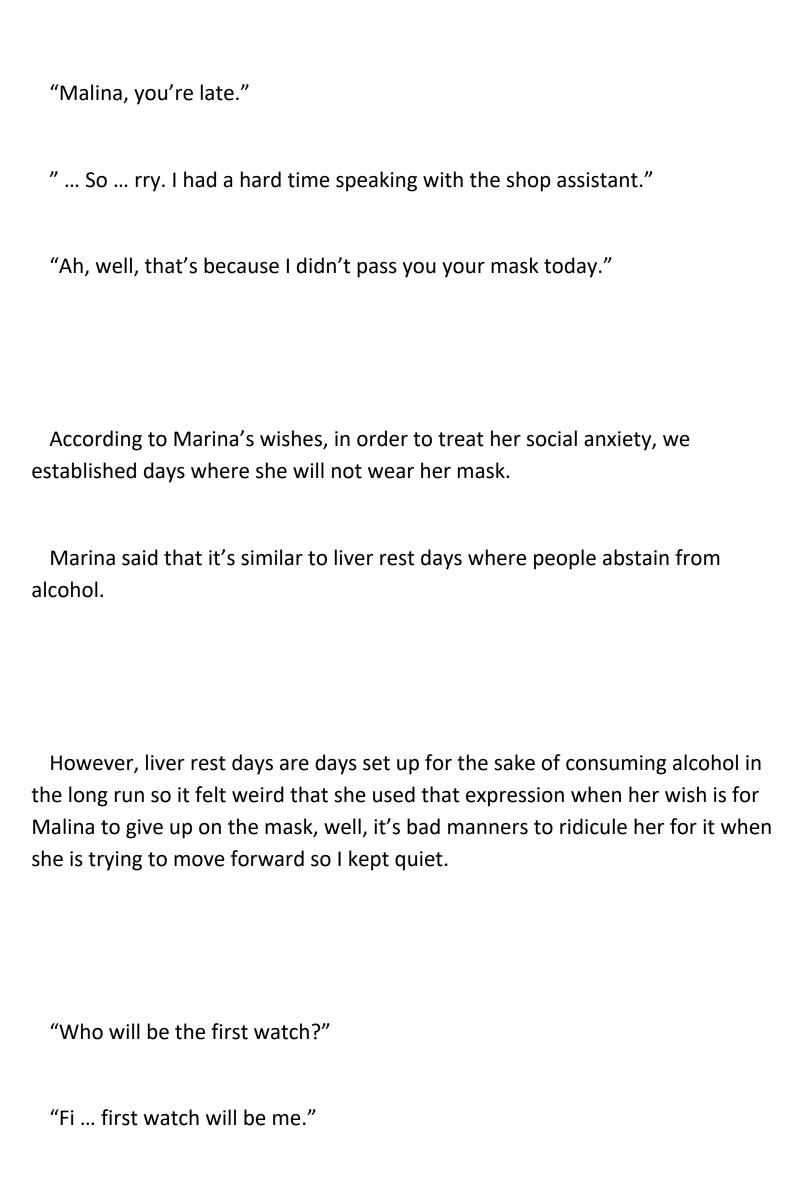
I couldn't leave Malina on her own given that she's a Japanese like I am so I became her provisional owner but to begin with, having 2 slaves, Haru and Carol, is sufficient.

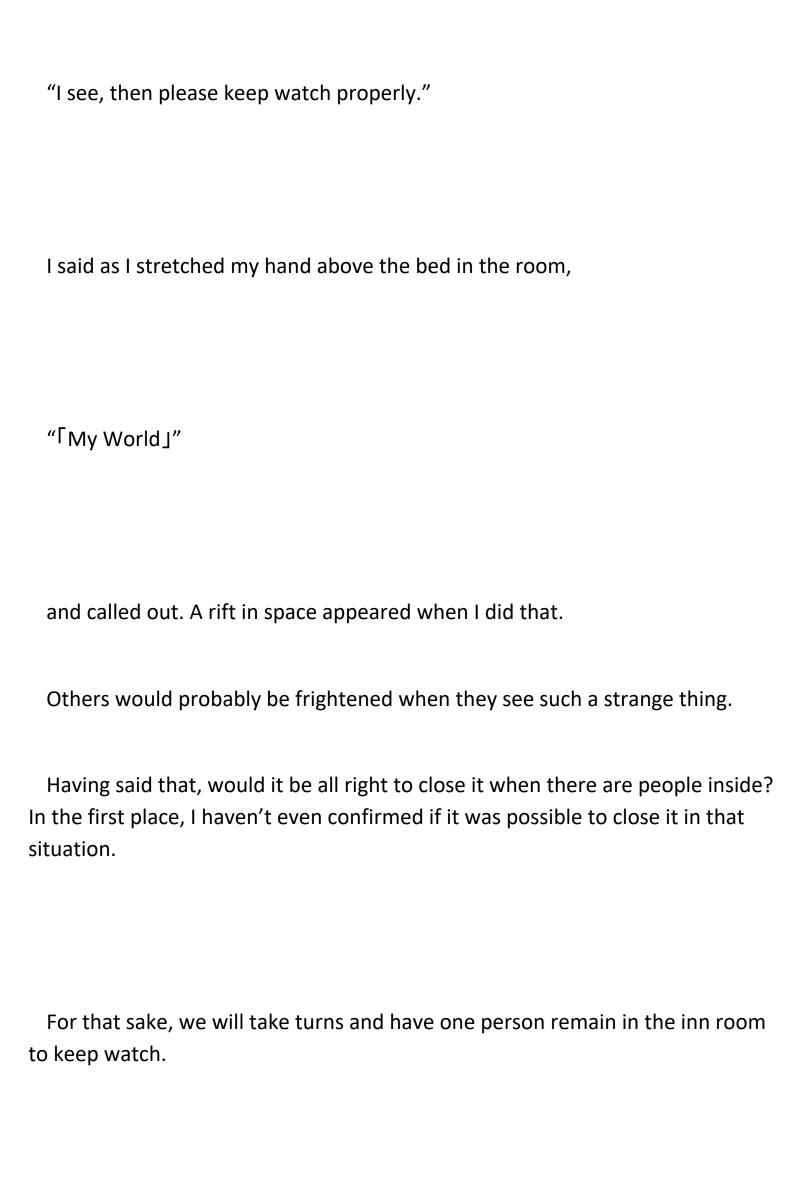
As long as it is a fact that I consider the 2 of them equally as important, I'm quite self-conscious to how I have to treat them equally and I struggle to even choose the correct words to say. I wonder how do the protagonist in harem stories have so many female companions.

Having said that, I can't actually bring people that I don't really know to that side without any constraints. Since that would anger the Goddesses.

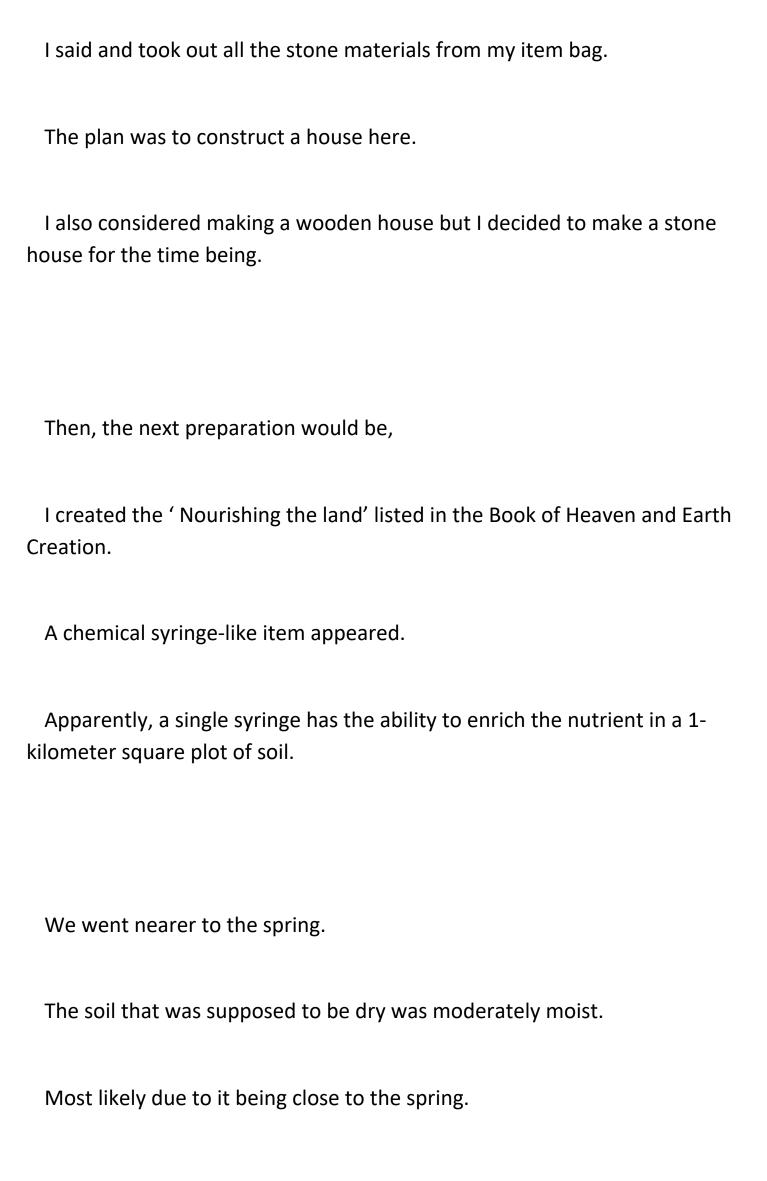
I returned to the inn after finishing my shopping. When I returned to the inn, everyone apart from Malina had gathered. Haru and Carol were both carrying packages in both of their hands.

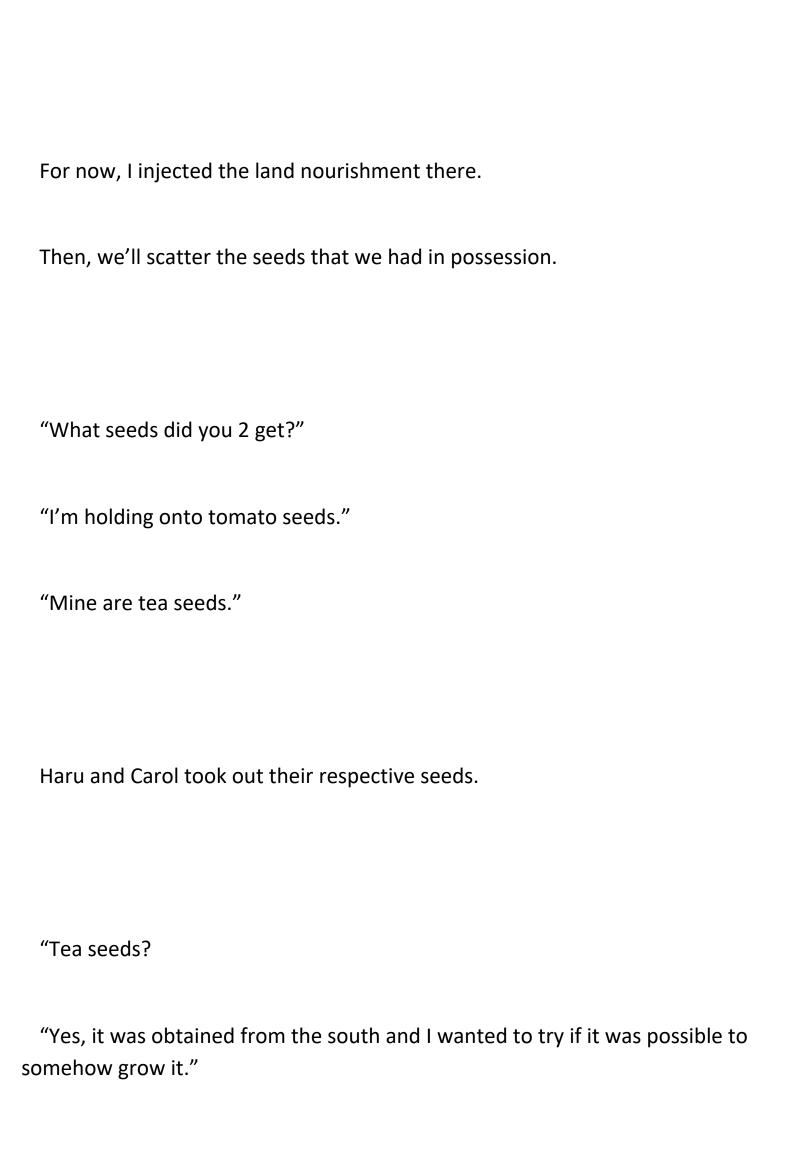
Slightly later than the appointed time, Malina returned.

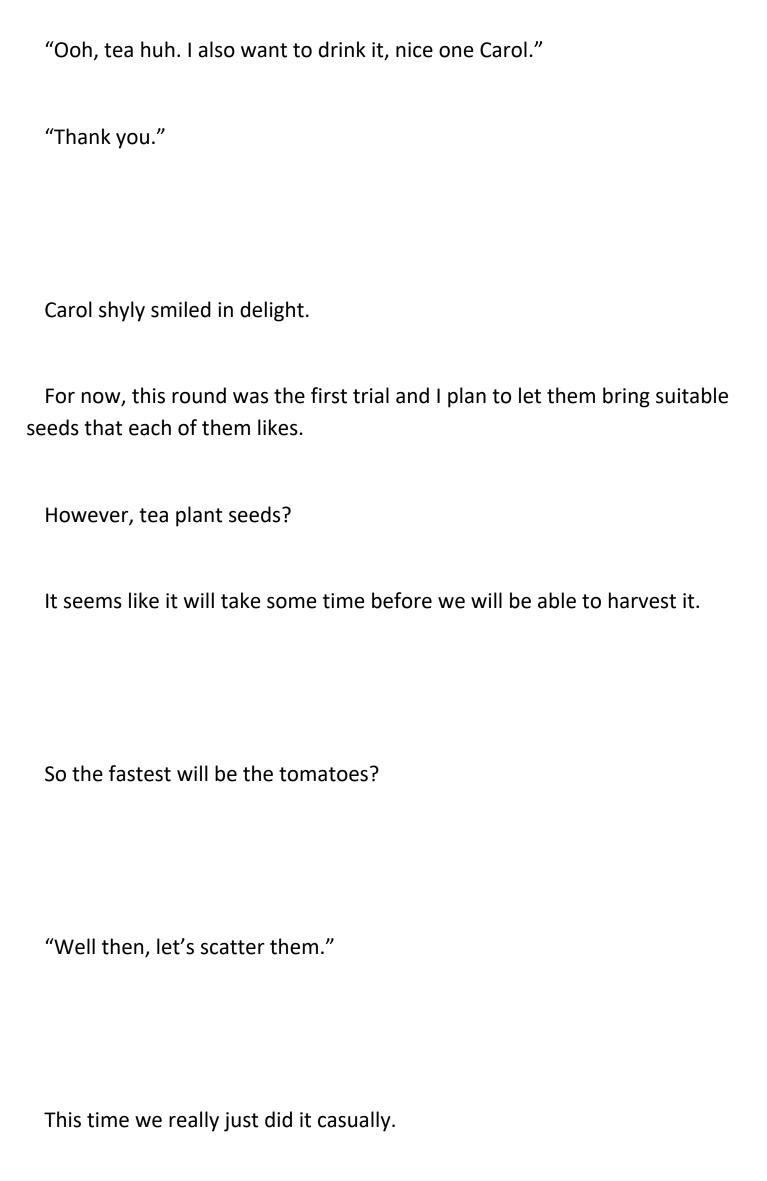












Neither did we plow the soil nor did we scatter any other fertilizer.

For the time being, we divided the area appropriately and scattered the seeds suitably.

I don't know what season would be in which month in this place and I'm doubtful as to whether this is an environment where plants can decently germinate.

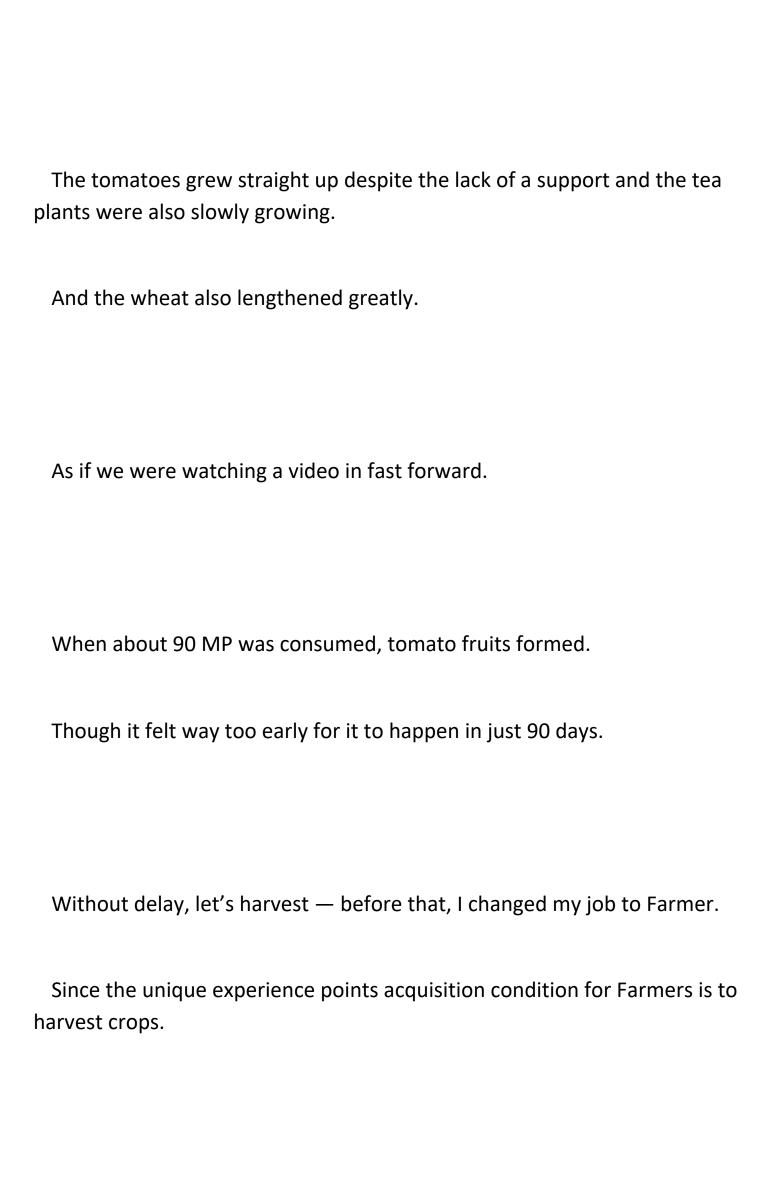
I feel bad for Haru and Carol who have their hopes up but there's also the possibility that all the seeds will fail to germinate in the worst case scenario.

Once we finished scattering the seeds, I chose 'Plant time transition: MP consumption 1/day' that's written inside the Book of Heaven and Earth Creation.

The feeling of my MP gradually getting consumed was transmitted to me.

At the same time, a change happened right in front of our eyes.

Not only the wheat seeds that I scattered but the seeds scattered by Haru and Carol also began to germinate.





Amazing, the freshness and the natural sweetness of a vegetable that spread within my mouth all at once made it feel like my blood was flowing smoothly.

Under my encouragement, Carol and Haru each picked a tomato and carried it to their mouths.

The eyes of the 2 of them widened after they came to know the taste and they finished eating the whole tomato at once.

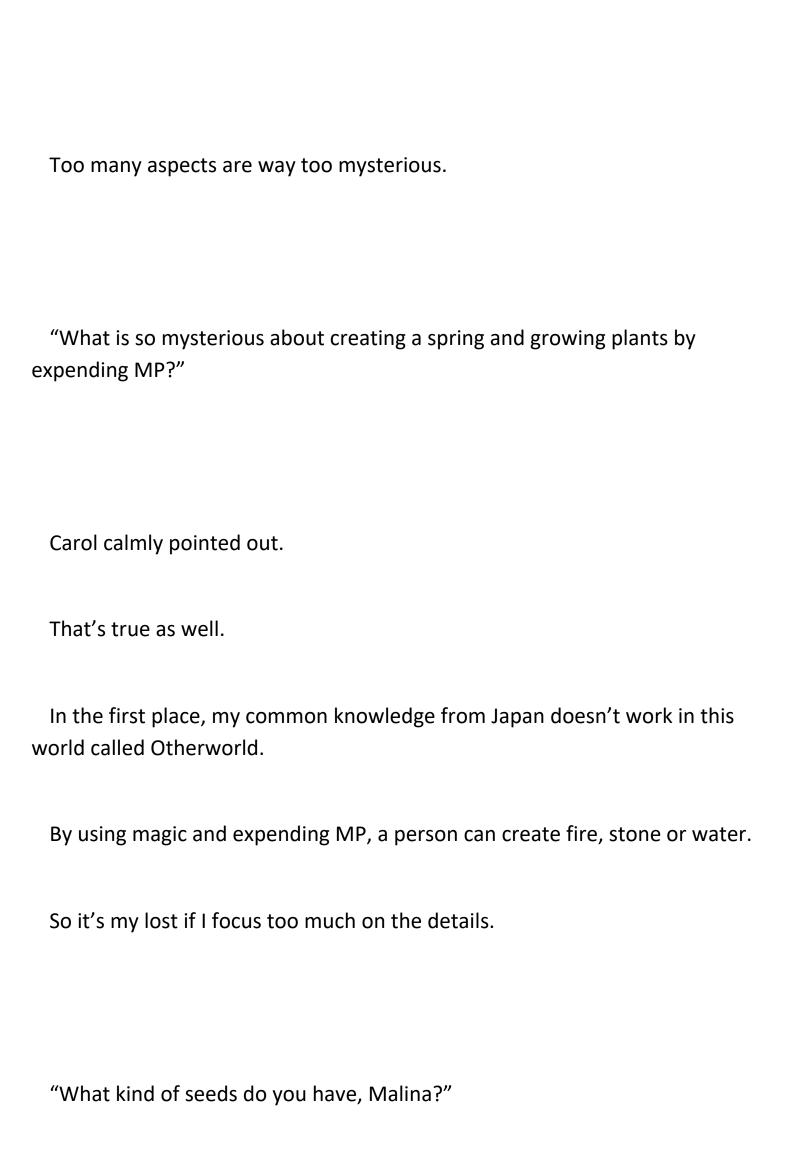
Even though the tomato is delicious, this situation is bad — if food can be so easily produced, we might genuinely become hikikomoris.

That thought ran through my mind as I reached for a tomato.

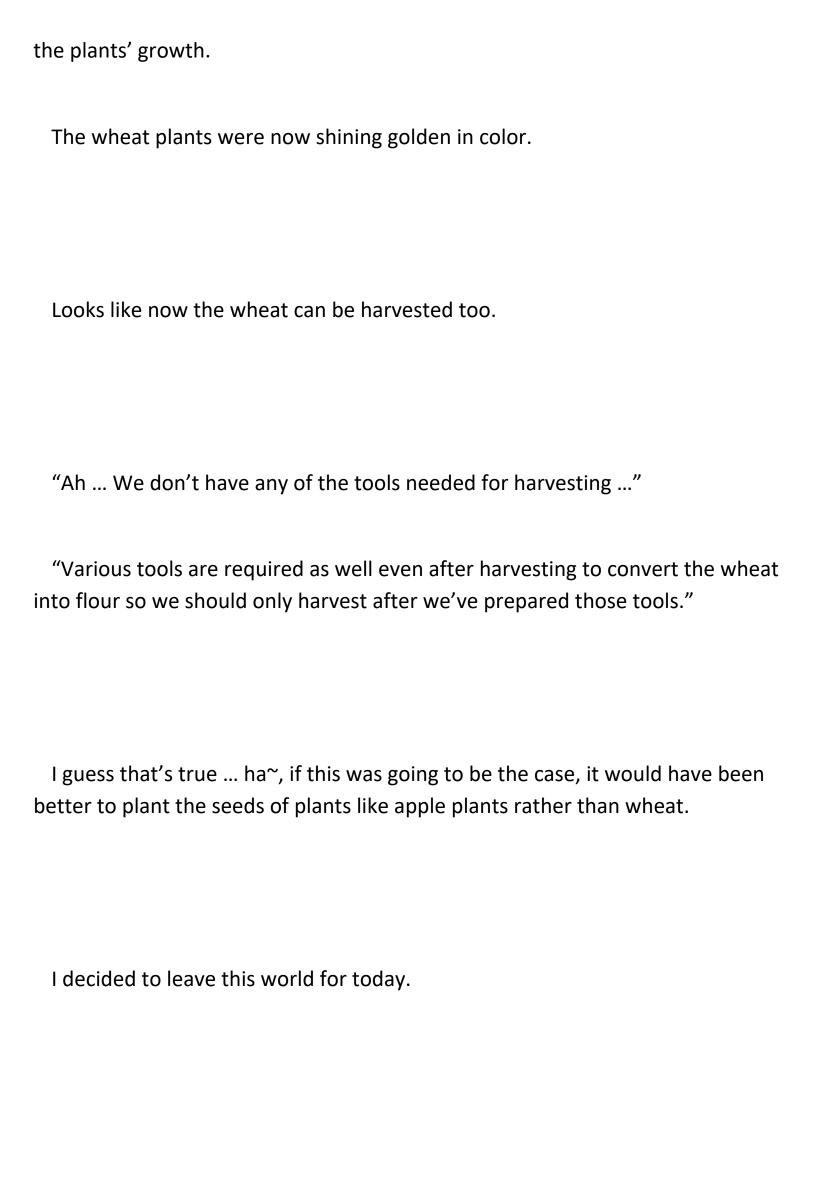
(093) Stand-by at rocky field, battle will start soon

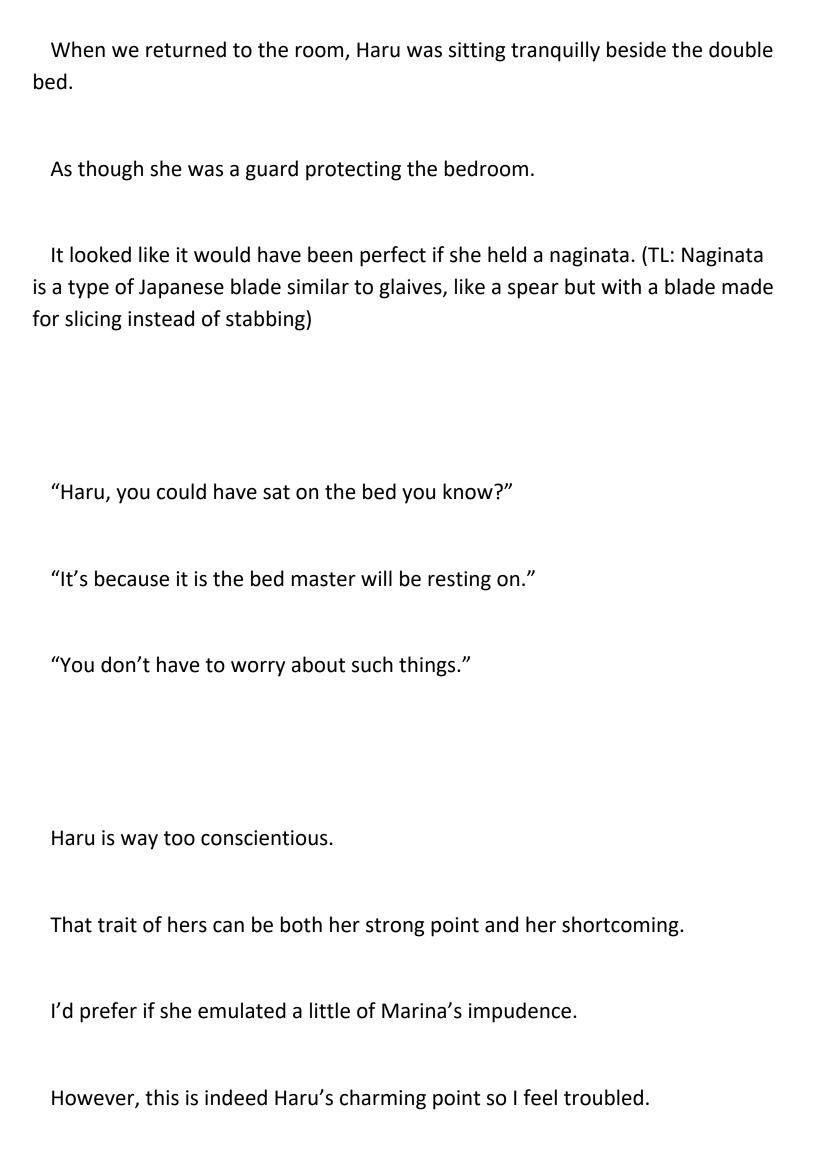
An hour passed in the midst of harvesting the tomatoes so Haru substituted Malina.
Malina's eyes were also wide in shock from the tastiness of the tomatoes when she ate them.
After that, we harvested the tomatoes and placed them into the gunny sack brought along.
"Nevertheless, it sure is mysterious. For the plants to grow in the blink of the eye. Carbon dioxide, water, and light are needed for photosynthesis. Did the plants absorb the spring water in an instant?"
They should need a large amount of light for photosynthesis right?
How did they gather that required light?

In the first place, why is this world so bright?





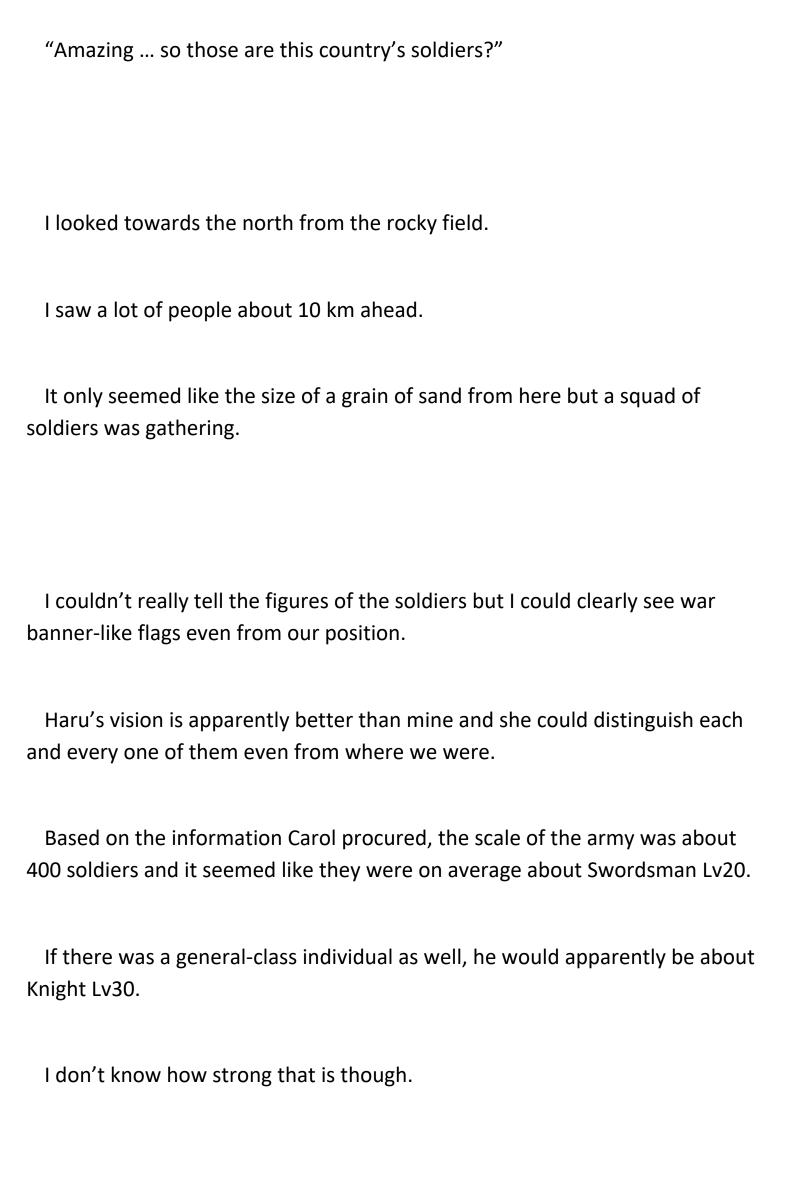


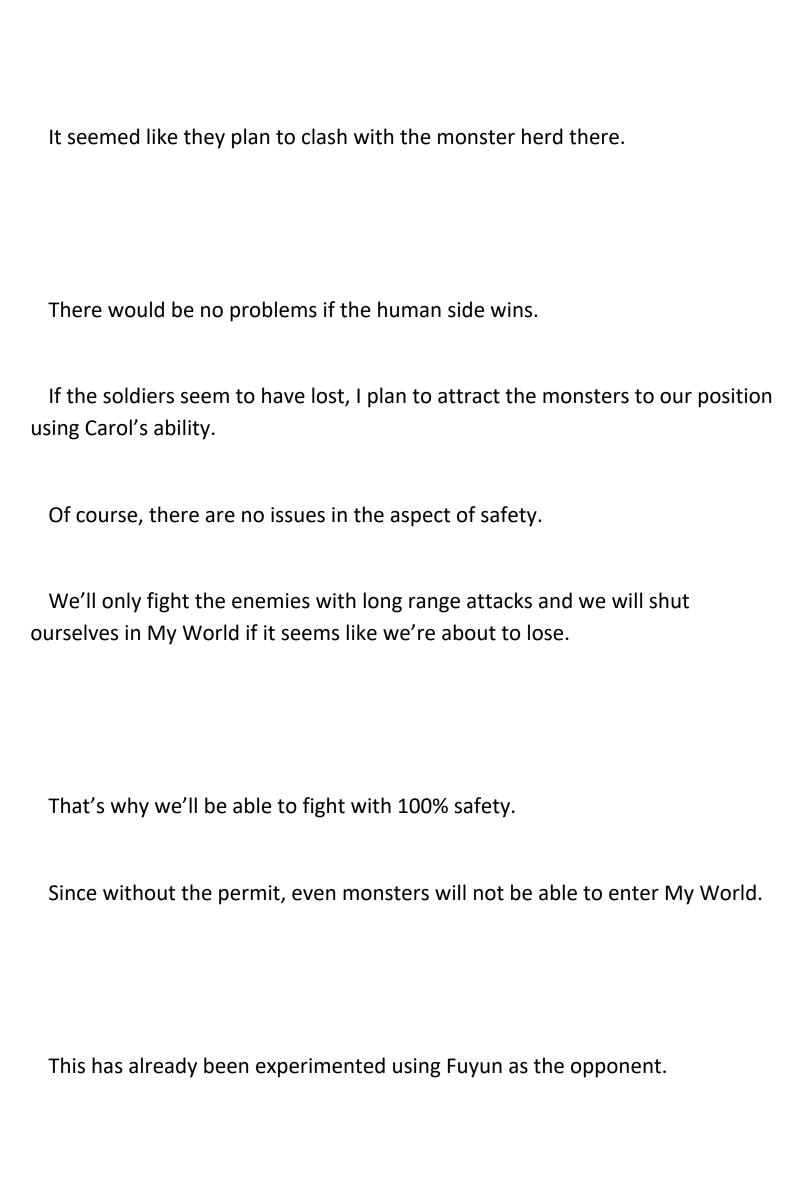


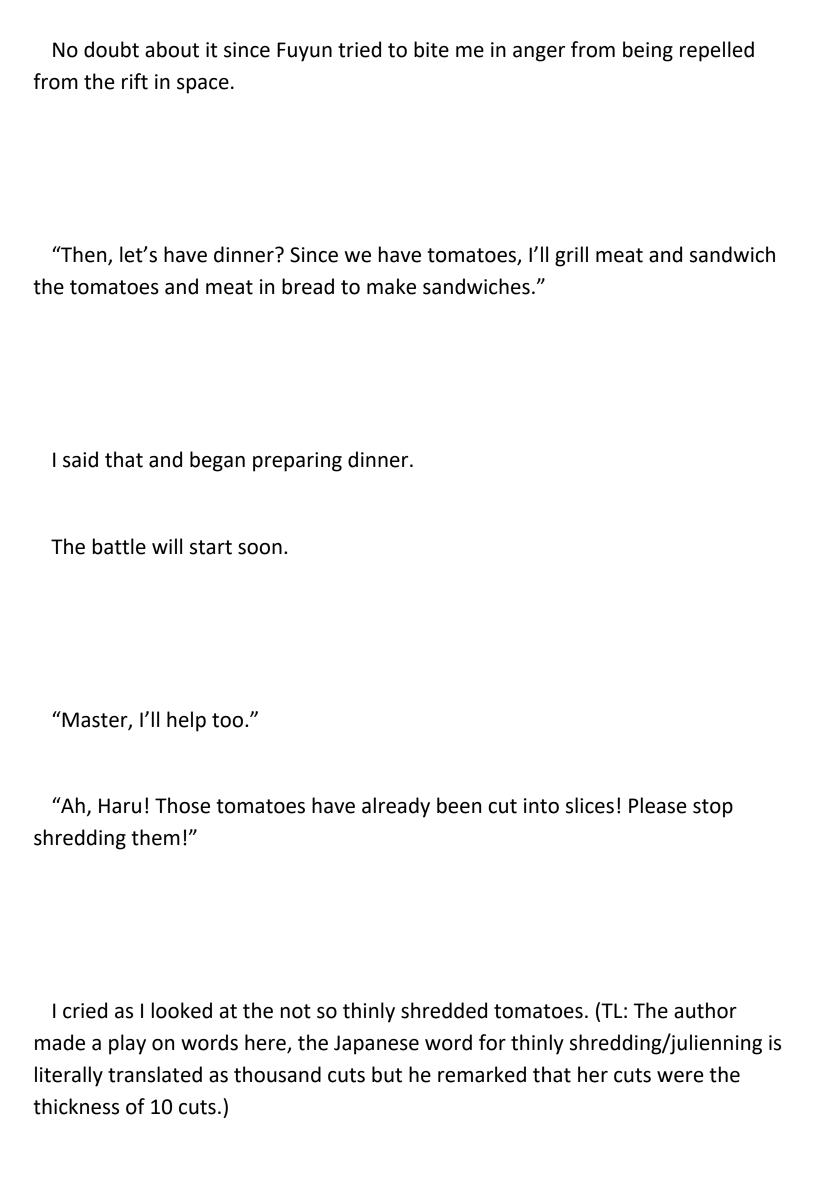
"We ate plenty of tomatoes so I guess we won't need lunch?"
Even though lunch consisted of only tomatoes, it felt like a considerably luxurious lunch.
"Then, as planned, shall we go camp out?"
There are levels that can only be raised through battle.
From this time on, Malina no, Marina was now able to use the bow and my level also somehow increased.
We considered leveling up Carol's Temptress job in the daytime but — well, after taking various things into consideration, we decided to use Carol's ability at night and level up the ability.



The procedure to exit the town was over in an instant.
The gatekeeper man told us to travel via the east before aiming for north if we're planning to flee but since we're not fleeing, I thanked him and we began walking towards the southwest.
We walked for 4 hours towards the southwest direction.
We exited the grasslands and arrived at the rocky field.
I picked up the sand with my feet and tried dropping it.
It dropped slightly towards the northern direction.
It seemed like there was a south wind blowing.
The sun had sunk somewhat into the horizon.



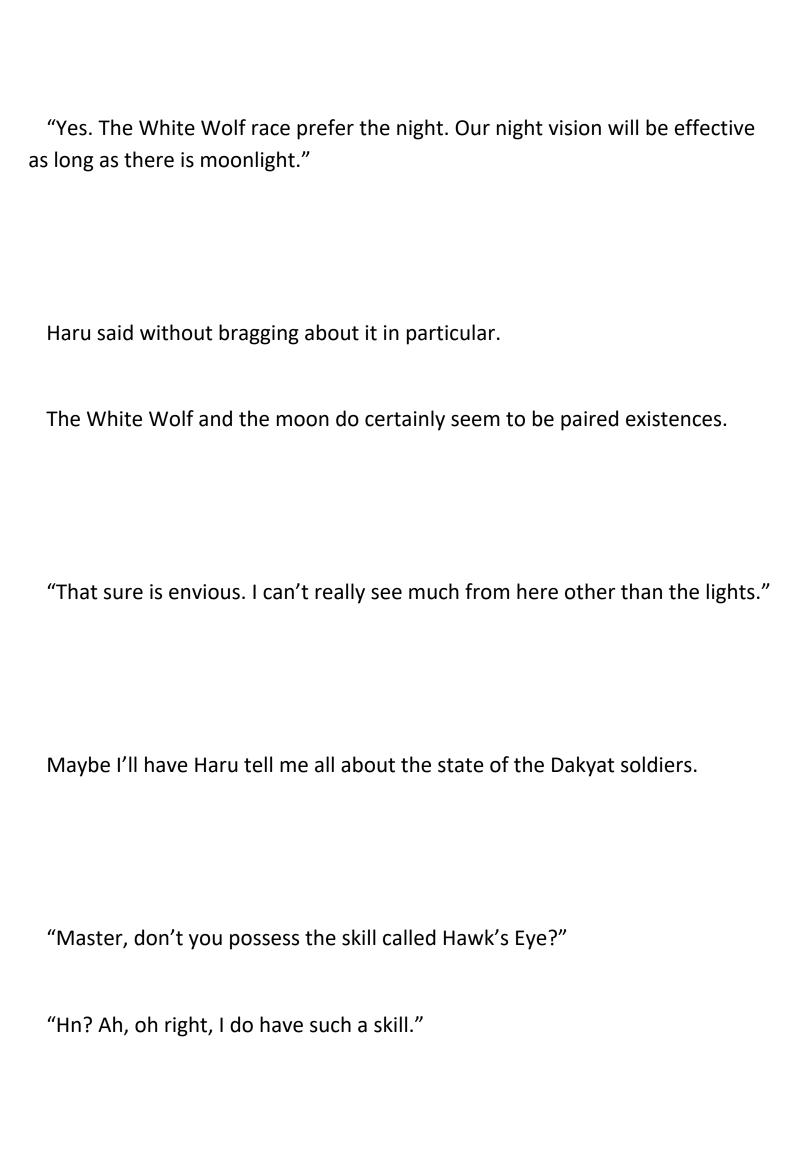


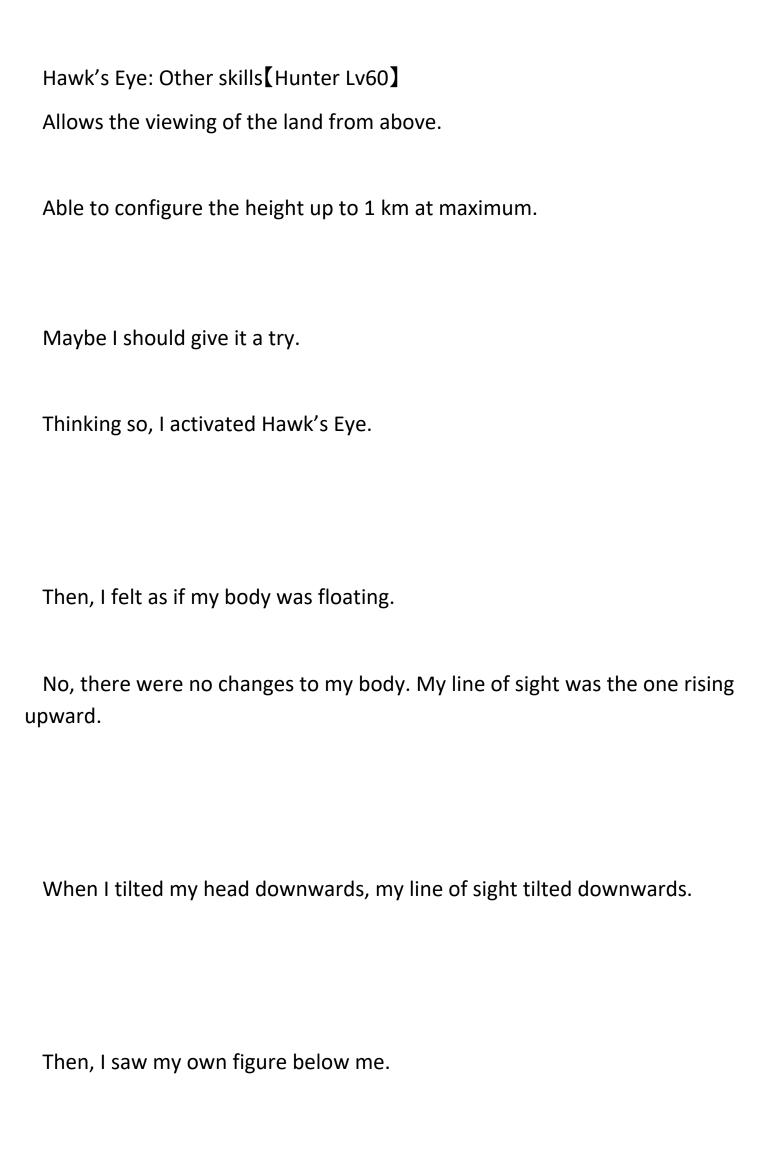


(094) Ichino's speech

The sun had already set and we were wrapped in darkness.
We were acting under the veil of secrecy so we didn't use lighting such as bonfires.
The light from a fire can be seen from afar. Those lights are probably from the fires used by the Dakyat soldiers.
But I couldn't really see them clearly.
"The Dakyat soldiers seem to be preparing for dinner."
"Haru, you can tell?"

I knew that she has good vision but she's able to tell even in such darkness?

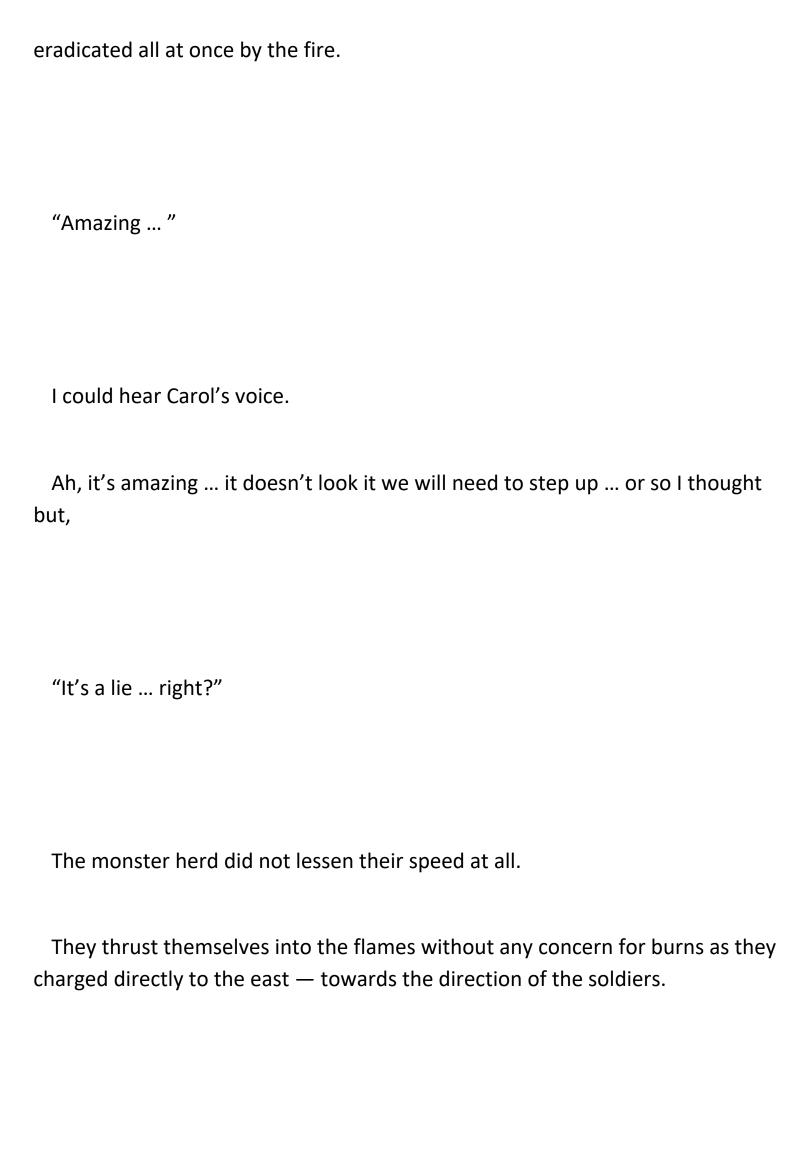


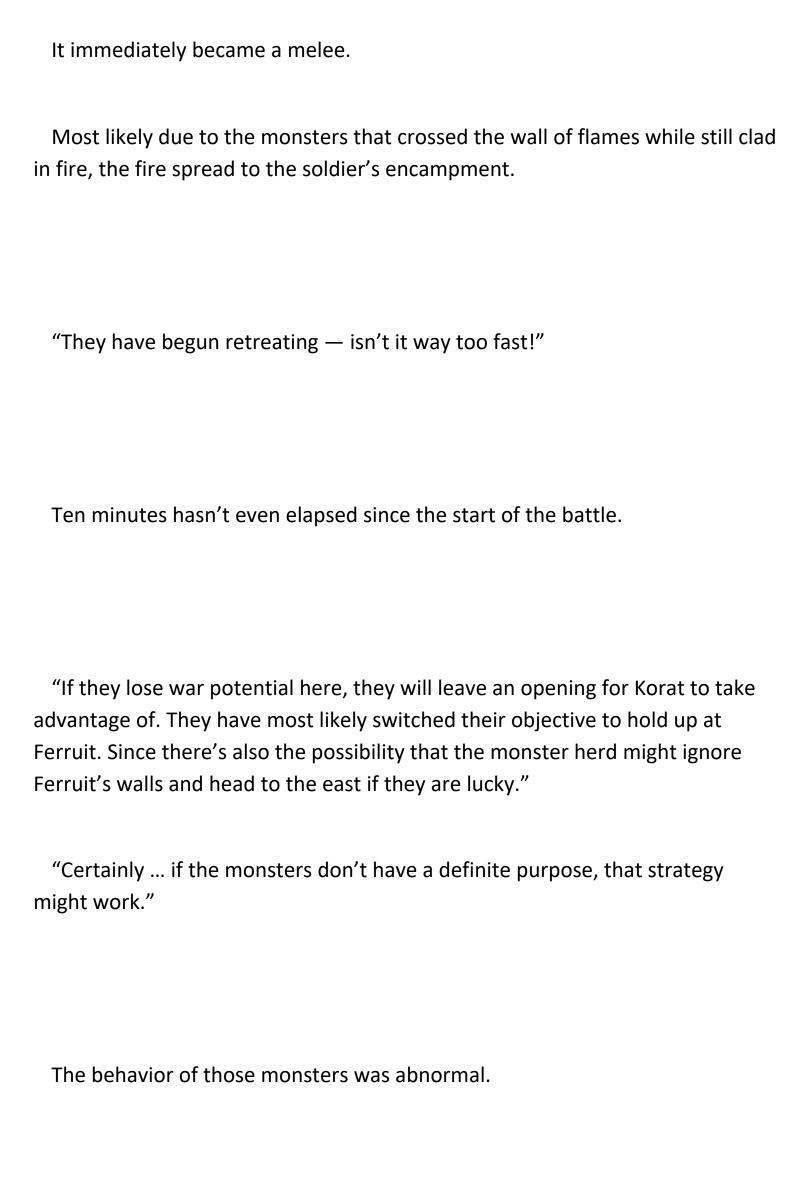


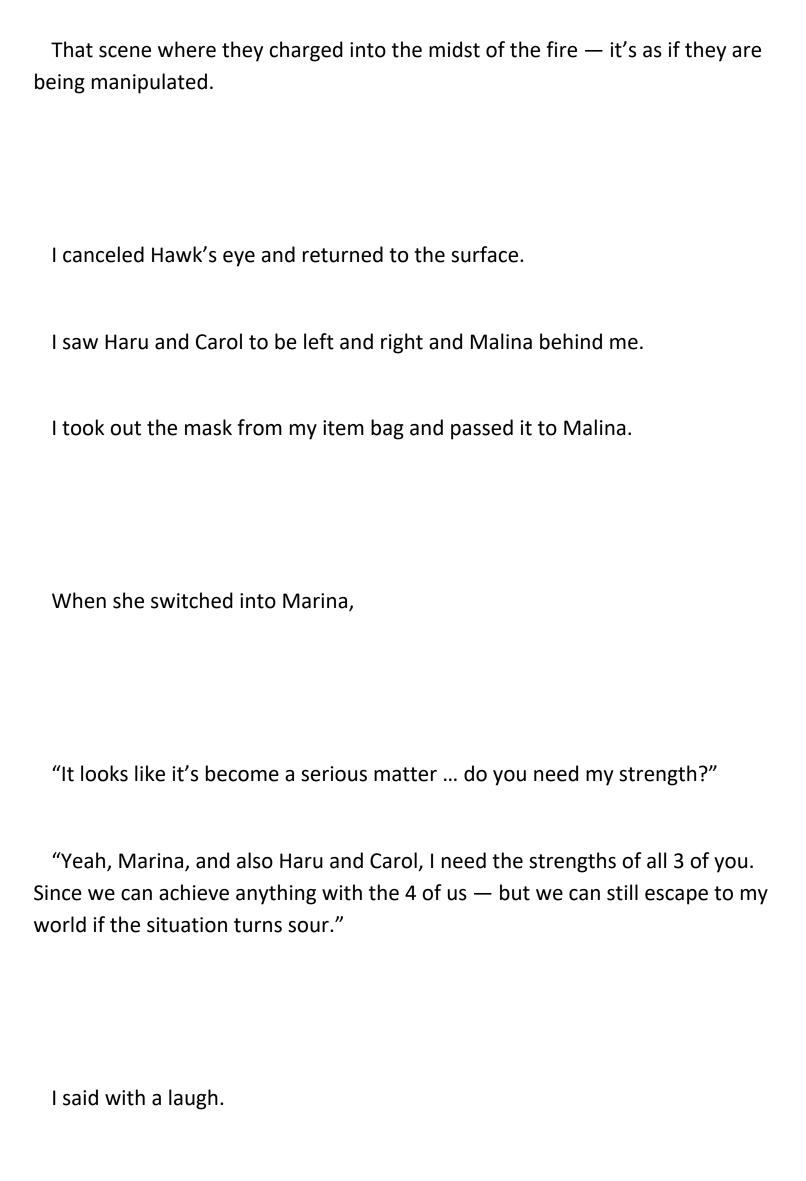


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"Hn? That is — "
  "Ichino-sama, what did you see?"
  "Uwa ... Ah, I see, although my vision has floated up, my body is still on the
surface so I can hear Carol's voice huh ..."
  "Yes, everyone is here."
 When she said that, most likely it was Carol who grasped my hand.
 A gentle touch was transmitted through my palm.
 Was it Haru who grasped my hand on the opposite side?
  ... And I also felt a slight tugging sensation on my clothes.
  Did Malina read the atmosphere and grabbed the hem of my clothes?
 I was all alone in the sky but I was not lonely at all.
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Then, I looked at that.
"I see squirming beings from the north-west direction — it seems to be the monster herd and they have quite a number. Haru, can you confirm this?"
"No, a hill is blocking my view from here ah, the soldiers are shooting arrows. It seems to be fire arrows."
"Ah, so those are fire arrows uwa, fire is spreading across the grass plains."
Perhaps they scattered oil before releasing the fire arrows as the flames spread in an instant.
They probably mowed down the grass so that the fire won't burn until our position.
The flames spread to the west but it didn't look like it was spreading to the east.
With the amazing power of fire that is not an exaggeration to be called mankind's greatest weapon, I thought maybe the monsters would be

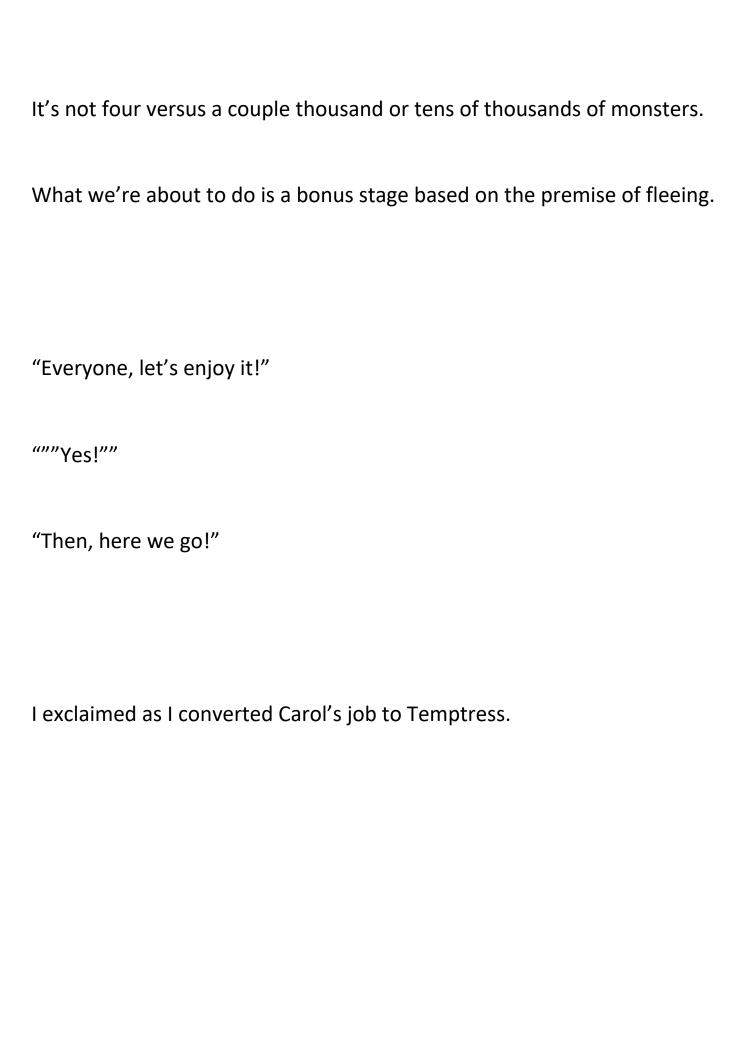












(095) Side Story Bats of the dark night

There were countless bats above Dakyat in the sky.

The black bats blended into the night, making it invisible from the ground. And even if a person saw them, he would probably just think that they are bats and not pay attention to them. Bats that originally fly at an altitude of a couple of thousand meters up were flying at that location. That kind of illogical scene was occurring on the ground and furthermore, that illogical scene was hidden in the shrouds and dispersed.

However, those bats were the reason for the disturbance on the surface.

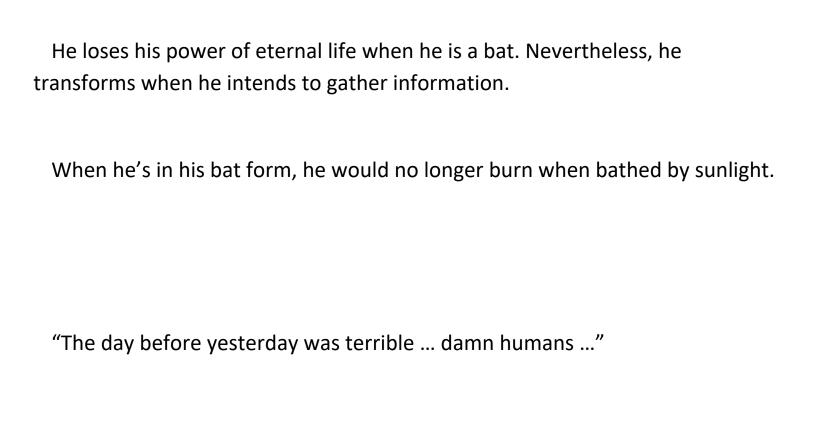
Vampire Valf.

As the 3rd general of the Demon Lord's army, he who possesses the power of eternal life was gazing at the situation on the ground with his bat form.

Incidentally, that bat was not Valf's true body but one part of his split body.

When he transforms into a bat, he splits into 100 bats.

In addition, that was also one of his weakness.

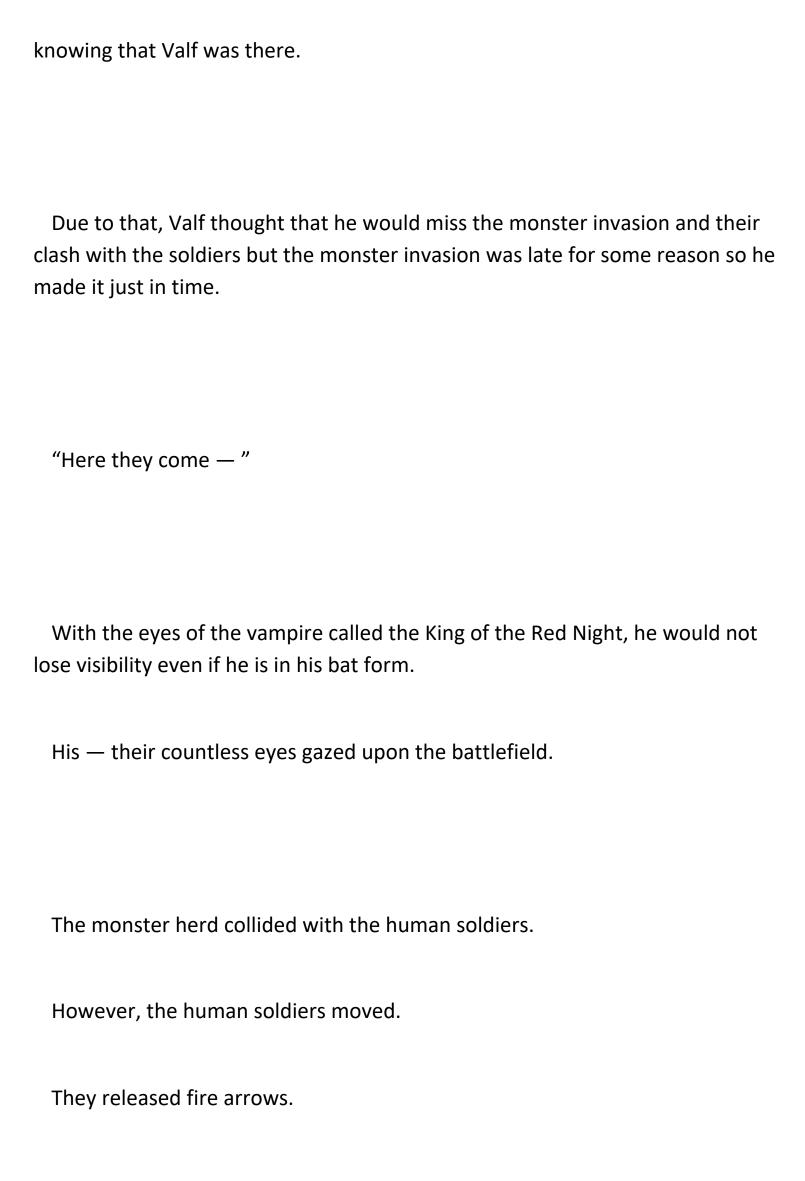


Afternoon, the day before yesterday. He transformed and sent 90 of his bat split bodies to fly into the country while the 10 remaining including his true body hid in a cave.

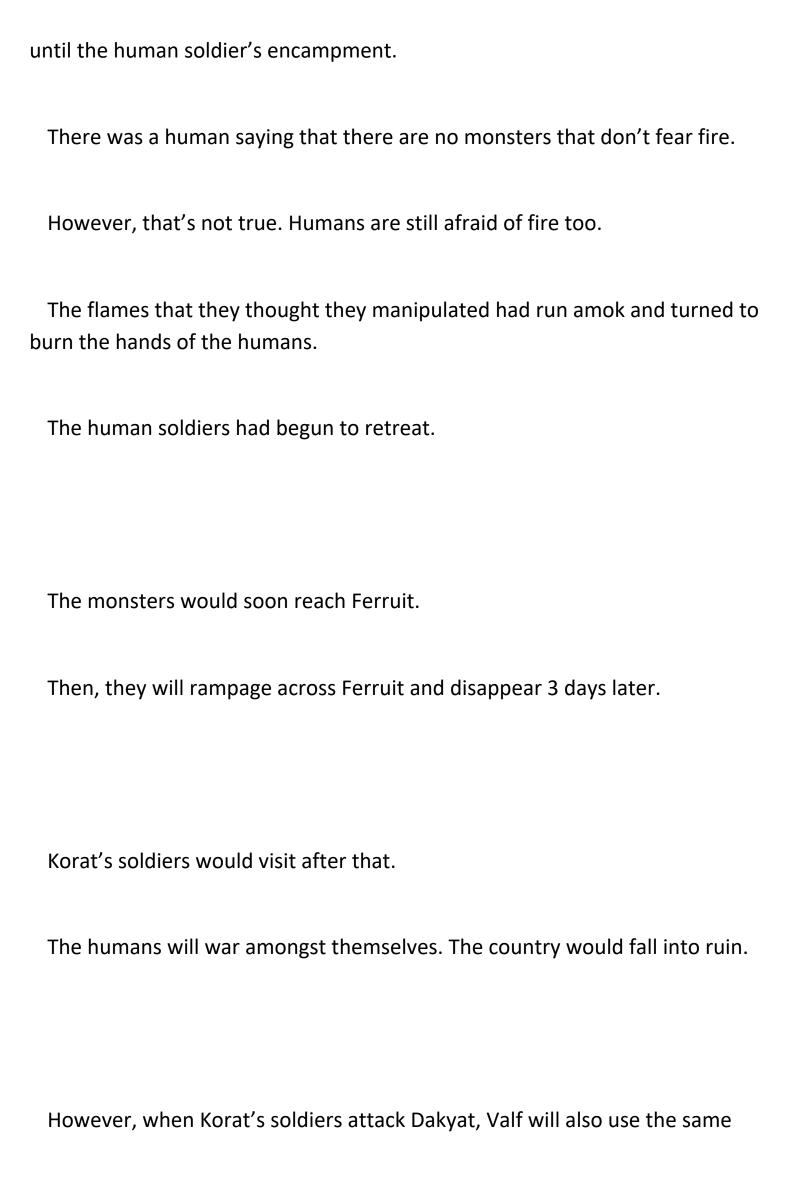
It was then. Somebody released magic into the cave. That magic burnt and destroyed 9 of the split body and his true body also suffered serious injuries.

Due to that incident, he was forced to once again gather the 90 bats throughout the country and gather his strength in addition to requiring an additional day's rest.

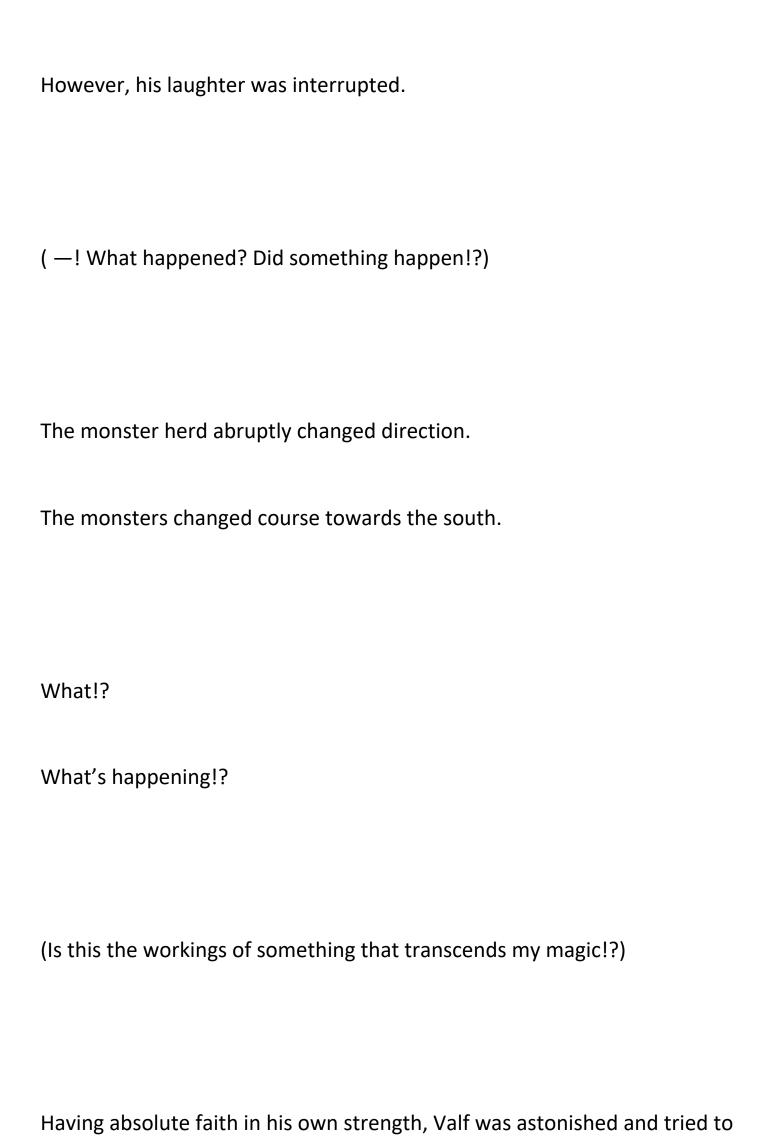
By the way, the identity of that attack was the magic released by Ichinojo towards what he misunderstood as a monster's cave before he arrived at Ferruit. Naturally, Valf was unaware of that and Ichinojo also did not attack

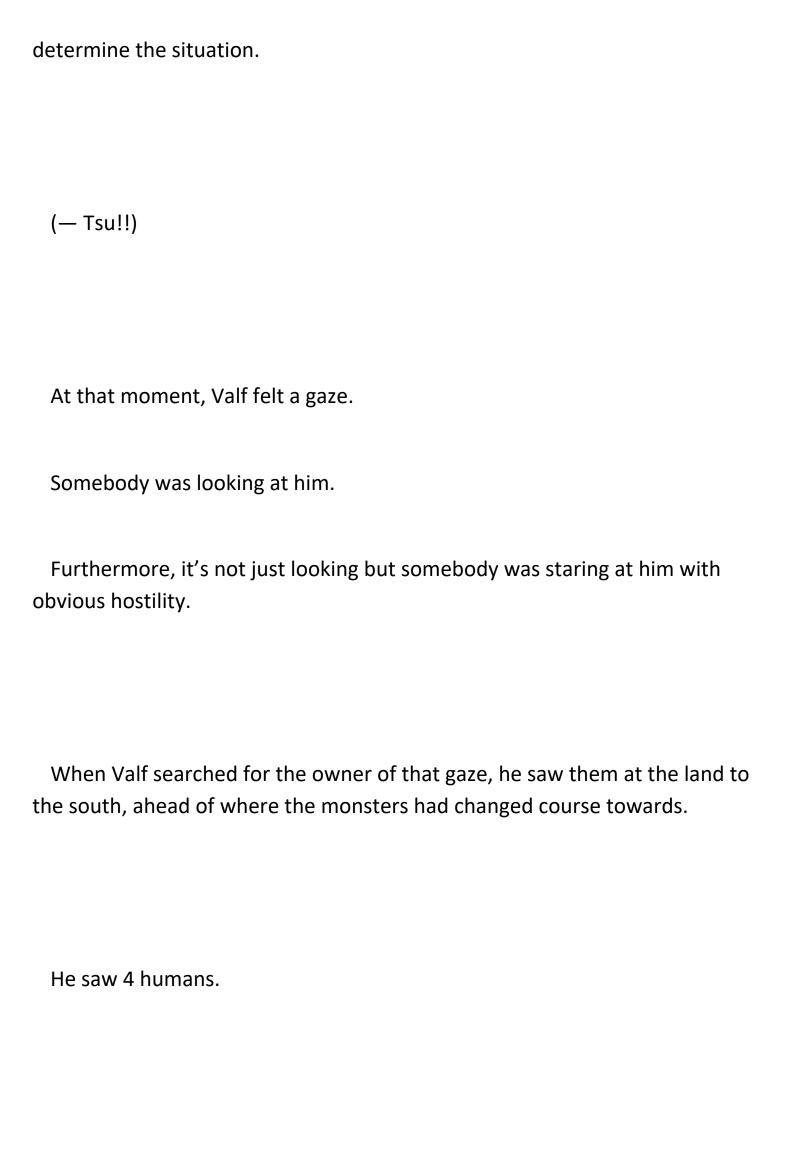


The grassland transformed into a sea of fire in the blink of an eye.
(Foolish. Did they think that would stop the monsters? Those are monsters I bestowed to Korat's King born from magic. They are not beings that will be stopped by something of that level.)
As Valf had expected, the monster herd was unafraid of the flames and they merely continued to advance forward without fearing the loss of their own life or the reduction of their numbers.
The monsters born from labyrinths are accumulations of miasma after all. Those behaviors are merely the vestiges of the monsters and adventurers wher they were still alive and it has been greatly limited by the Goddess' power. Just by slightly intervening in that process, he's able to obtain pawns.
Those monsters were not thinking of anything at all. They were nothing more than puppets with the sole aim of reaching the capital of Dakyat, Ferruit.
Due to the unexpected aggression from the monsters, the flames had spread

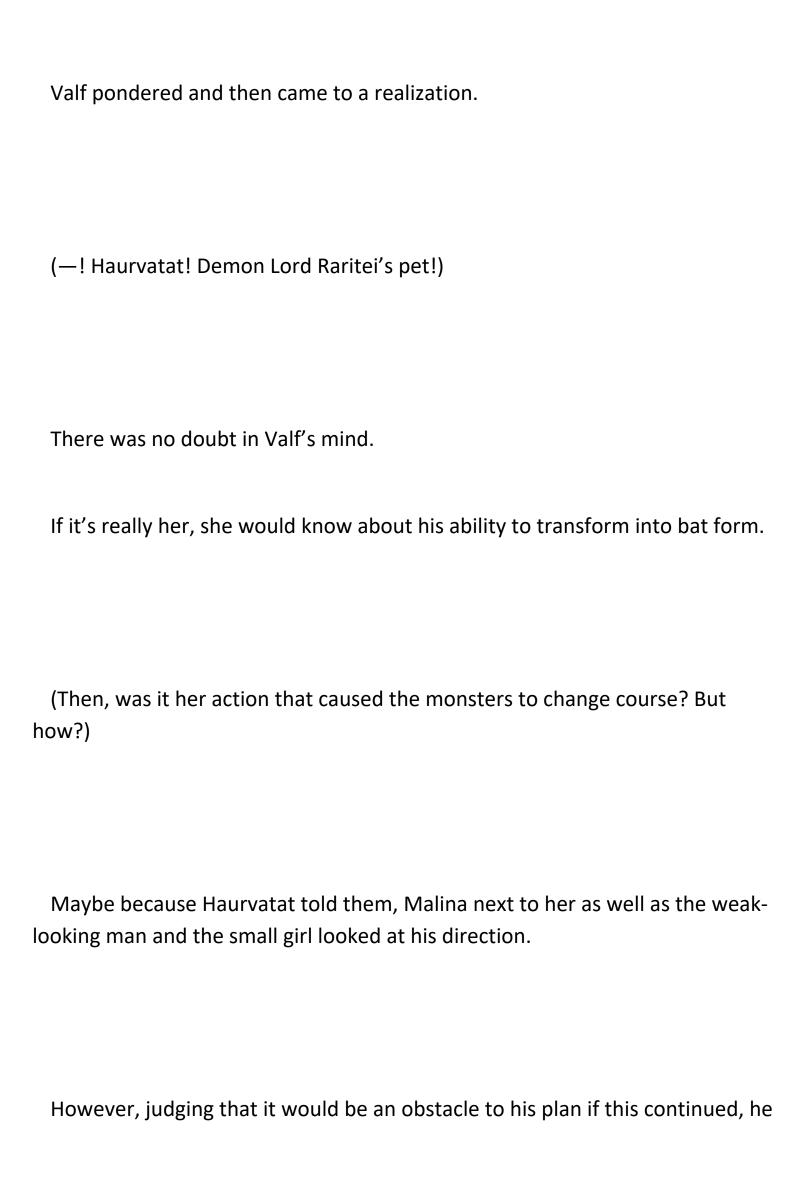


gimmick on the labyrinth in Korat.
With the soldiers mobilized to invade Dakyat, Korat would likely not be able to prevent the invasion of the advancing monsters and fall into ruin too.
Why does Valf intend to crush Korat and Dakyat?
There was no reason behind it.
He is of the demon race who utilizes humans as pawns and thinks that it is fine if humans are destroyed.
He laughed inside his heart.
He laughed imagining the slaughter that was about to happen.
Overrun by monsters, warring amongst humans and to further be trampled by monsters.
He laughed at the foolishness of humans.





(Why is she why is that Devil Kanon's slave here?)
The first person he noticed was the girl with a pointed hat and mask on — Malina.
(Malina if I remember correctly. She's just a girl who possesses the odd job called Street Performer. Did she do something?)
However, Valf reconsidered. She was not the owner of the gaze.
Then, he saw the white haired White Wolf race next to Malina.
The White Wolf race is a tribe with sharp night vision.
It won't be strange for her to notice him.
However, why was she looking so intently at Valf while he was in his bat form?

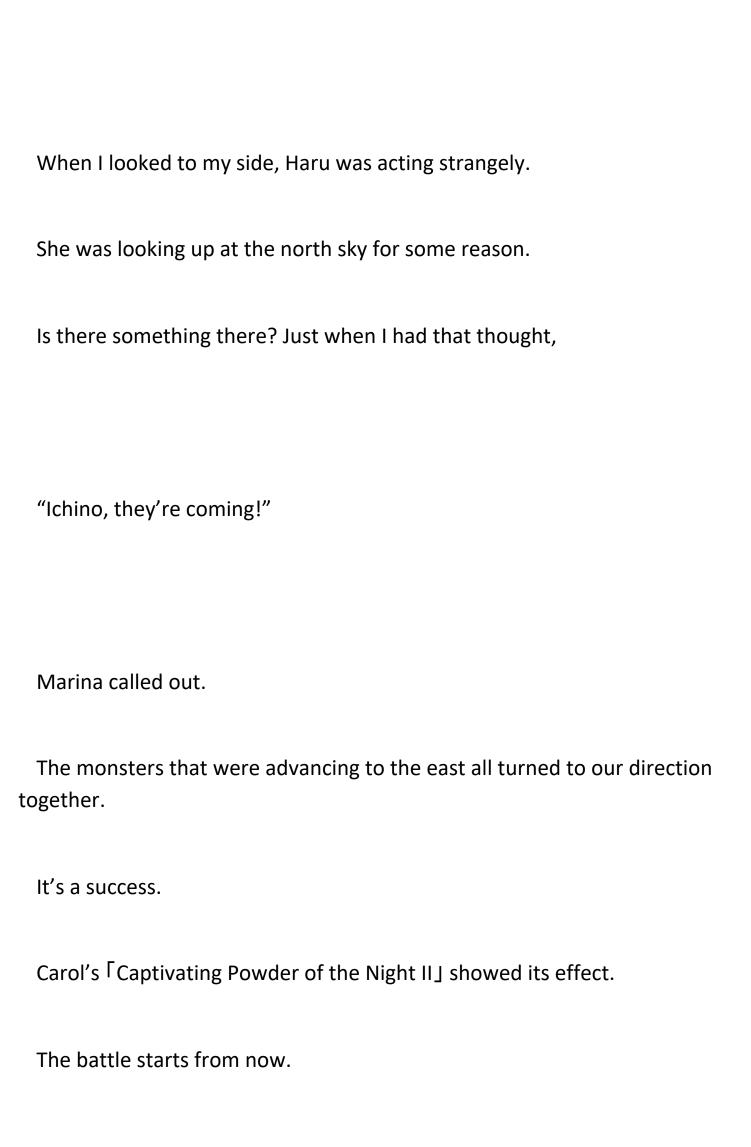


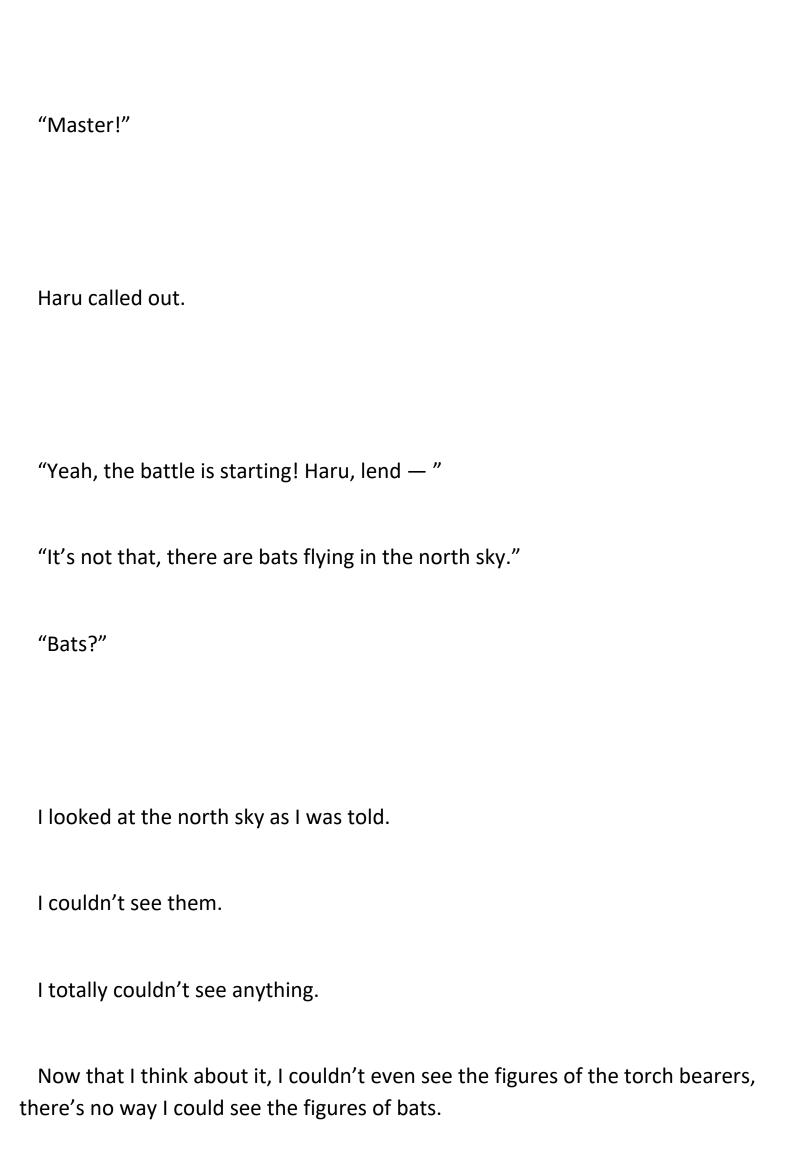
decided to kill those 4 people.

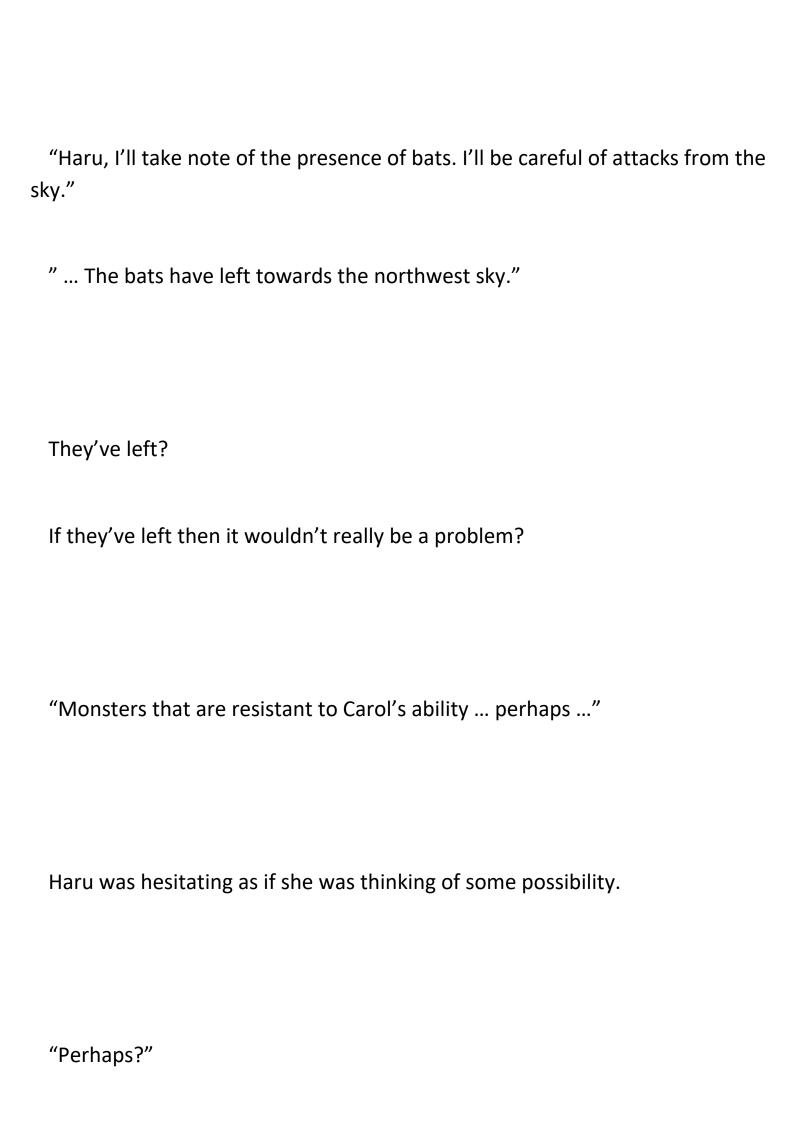
Then, Valf's split body disappeared into the dark night.

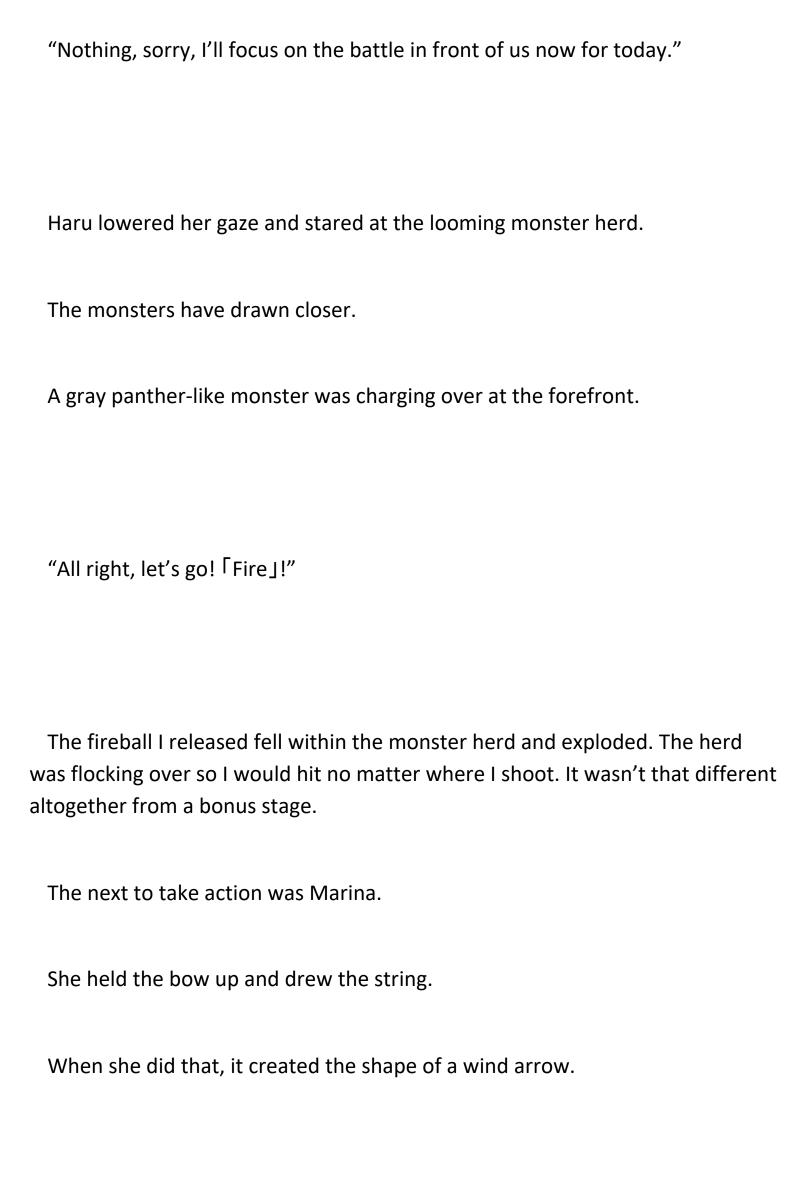
In order to return to his true body.

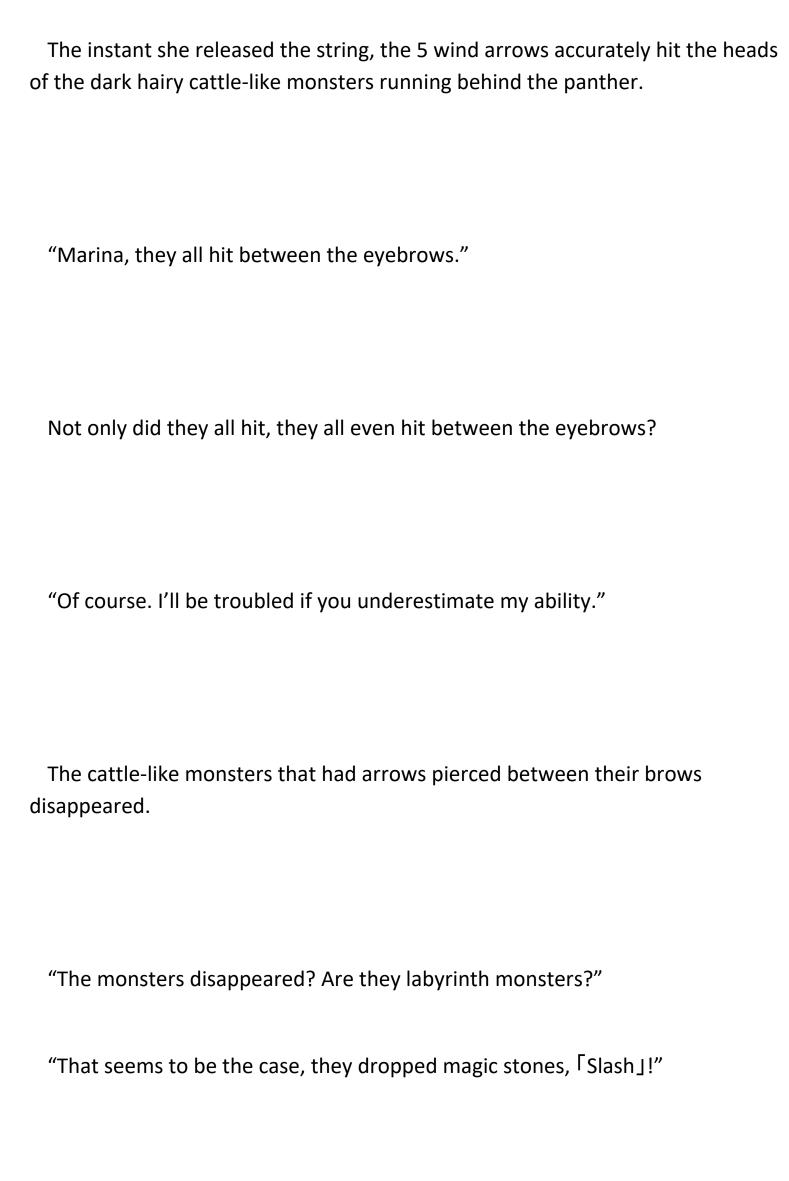
(096) Repel the approaching monsters!











The 「Slash」 Haru released bisected the legs of the panther running ahead.

It didn't disappear perhaps because it did not die. That panther became an obstacle that caused the movements of the front line to falter.

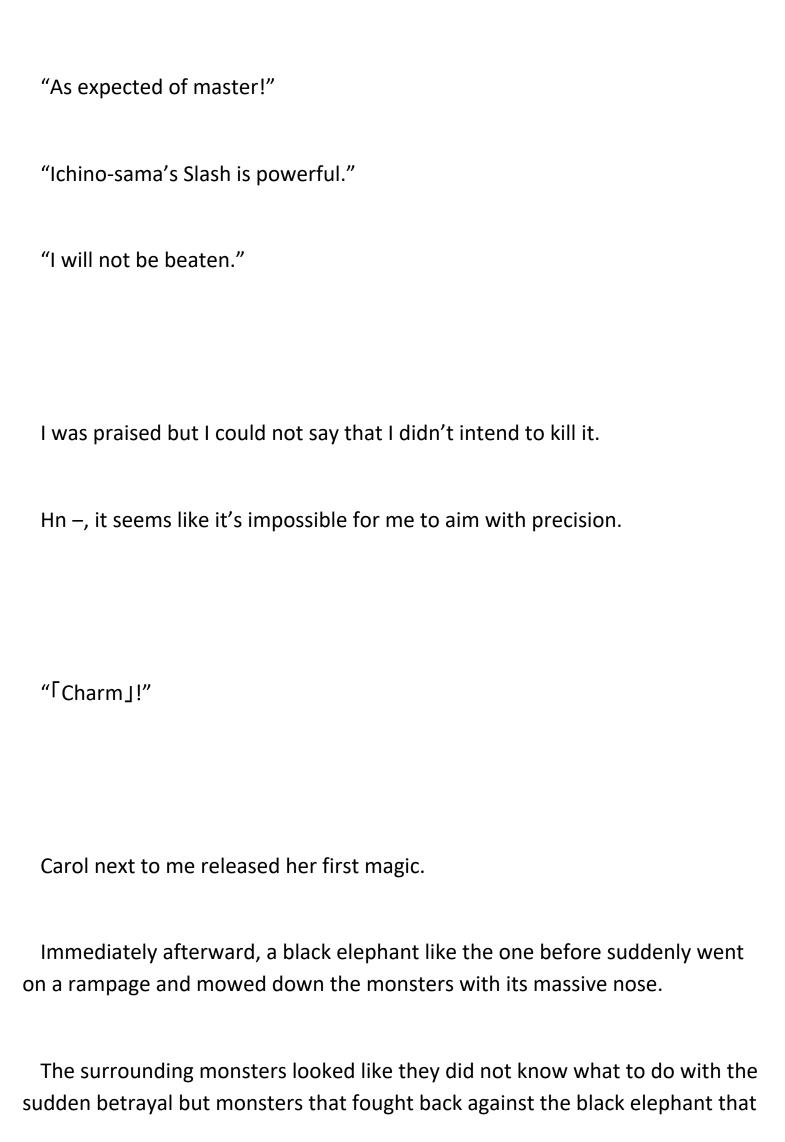
After that, Haru continued to sever the monsters' legs with \[\Gamma \] as if to build a barrier of monsters.

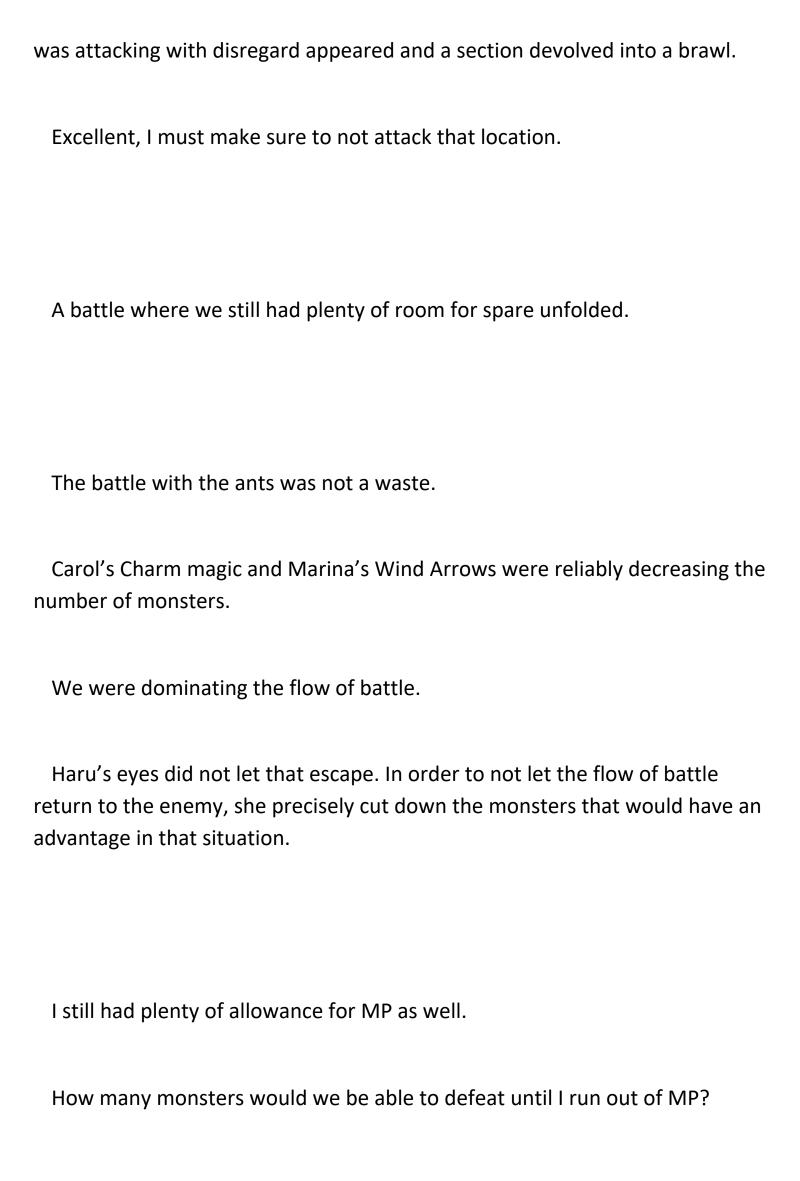
All right, maybe I'll mimic her too?

I aimed for the legs of the largest monster,

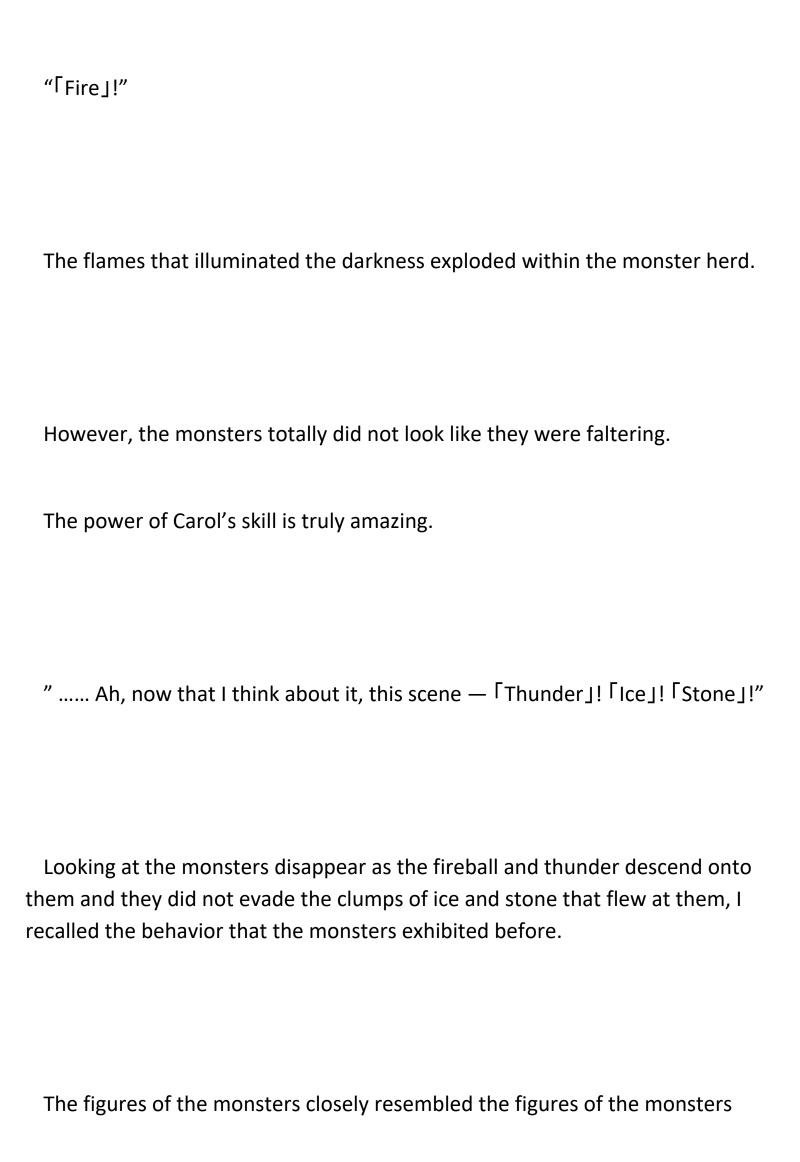
"「Slash」!"

and released a \[\script{Slash} \]. It cut through the nose and face of the largest black elephant-like monster at the back and it died.



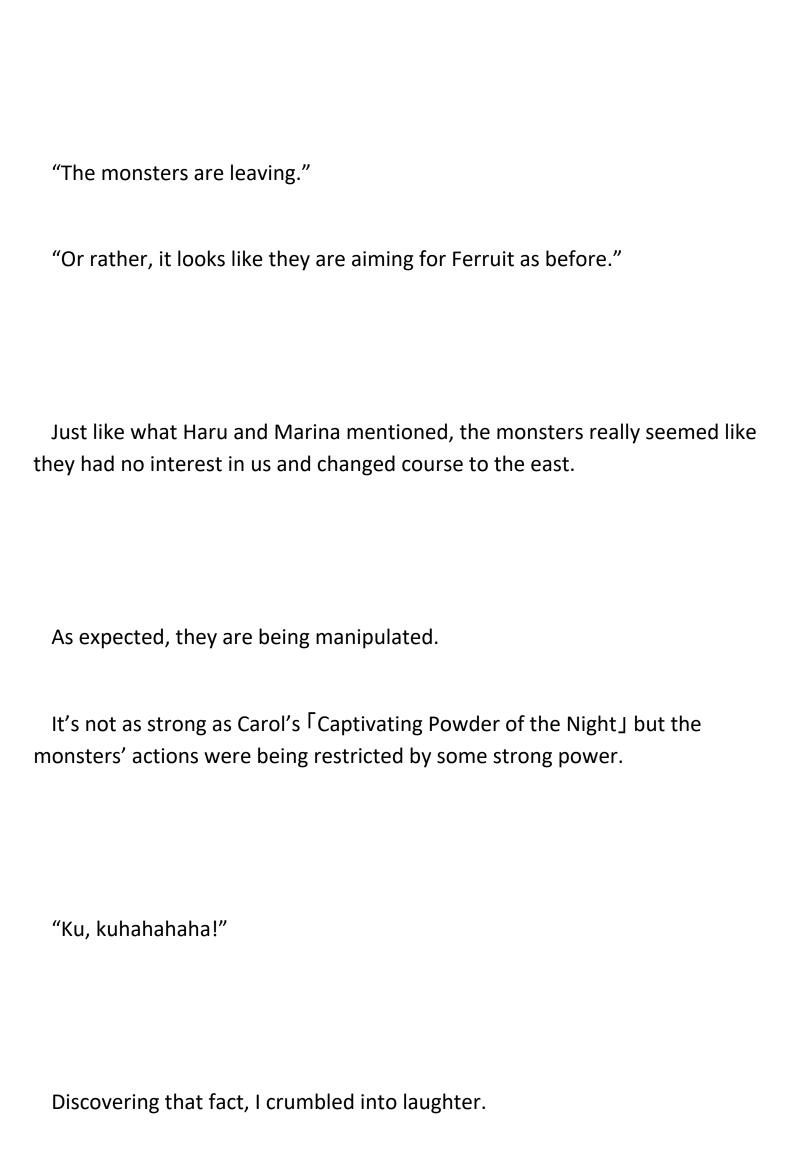


I was the most worried for Haru.
Maybe Haru was conscious of it too, she has only been releasing Slash when it was needed since a while ago.
In exchange, she was releasing arrows from the bow we obtained from the bandits.
When I looked at Haru, she silently nodded.
It seems like she can still continue.
I would actually want to annihilate all of them in one shot with a powerful magic but I wonder if there're any good methods?
Initially, I thought of setting the grassland on fire like what Dakyat's soldiers did to burn the monsters to death but the monsters would charge at us while clad in the fire.



determined on advancing eastward even when wrapped in a sea of fire.
Were the monsters aiming for the east because they were being attracted by something?
"Carol, I'll change your job. I have something I'm curious about. Haru and Marina also, please stop attacking for a moment."
"Yes, understood."
I changed Carol's job from Temptress to Farmer.
The next instant,
【Ichinojo Leveled up】
【Magician skill:「Magic Attack Strengthening (minor)」acquired】
【Magician skill: 「Darkness Magic」has skilled up to「Darkness Magic II」】

[Apprentice Practitioner skill: [Healing Magic II] has skilled up to [Healing] Magic III] [Apprentice Practitioner skill: \(\text{IMP Strengthening (minor)} \) has skilled up to MP Strengthening (small)] 【There are no further levels for Apprentice Practitioner】 【Title: Peak of Apprentice Practitioner acquired】 Title skill: Learning acquired [Practitioner skill: [Healing Magic III] has skilled up to [Healing Magic IV]] [Practitioner skill: \GammaShield Magic] has skilled up to \GammaShield Magic II] 【Practitioner skill: 「Magic Defense Strengthening (minor)」has skilled up to Magic Defense Strengthening (small) ... My level went up. In other words, combat had ended. Combat ended even though there are that many monsters around?



"Ichino-sama, my level increased too but what happened?"
"This is not just a bonus stage, what's this, I don't know if somebody did this for some particular reason or that this is a natural phenomenon or a paranormal phenomenon but I thought of something incredibly awesome!"
Finishing off all the monsters in one go. Thinking of the method, I gave a daring smile.

(097) Monster Extermination

Thirty minutes after I came up with a good idea, Marina and Haru were taking turns to shoot with the magic bow continuously in a dispassionate manner.

"Hey Marina, it's about time you swap with Haru. Since Haru can use the bow too."

"Wait a bit Ichino. That cow with a scar on its eye, it's likely to be the cow boss. I'll swap after I bring down that cow."

Marina drew the bow and shot down the slightly larger cow with a scar on its eye.

Then, she passed the magic bow to Haru and substituted out.

The monsters were approaching.

Once the monsters approached up to 500 meters away, "All right Carol, I'll remove it."

I altered Carol's Temptress job to Farmer.

Since the Temptress effect was lost, the monsters headed east.

The fleet-footed monsters at the forefront tried to overtake the monsters that were at the back but they could not overtake them easily.

It was heavily congested. The monsters were extremely confused.

The arrow released by Haru struck the feet of a large-sized monster, causing it to fall in the middle of the enemy group.

That further slowed the movements of the monsters.

Then, when the monsters reached a certain distance away, I once again changed Carol's job from Farmer to Temptress.

The monsters turned back once again.

"Haru, there are monsters coming from behind too!"

"Okay!"

Haru took out the wolf-like monsters approaching from behind with the Wind Bow.

Behind us was the upwind direction so monsters seldom came from that direction. Regardless, the occasional monsters were limited to only 1 or 2 to the maximum of 5 so we could easily deal with them.

Then, when the monsters clumped up like a dango to a certain extent, "Alright, here I go!"

I gathered magical power in my hands.

Skill, Magical Power Boost.

It's a skill that consumes several times the MP and requires a set amount of cast time so there aren't many occasions where it can be used but it's possible to use it here with this amount of time available and furthermore the monsters are even gathered in a single location.

I opened my eyes and thrust my hand out in front of me towards the center of the monster herd.

The magical power gathering in my palm increased in density to the point where it was visible to the eye.

When I confirmed that the purple aura was stained red, I cried out.

"Boooost Fireeeee!!"

[Fire] proficiency level rose to 2.]

The same time the proficiency up message flashed through my sight, an enormous fireball flew towards the monster herd and caused a large explosion.

And at the same time, I collapsed.

"Master!" "Ichino-sama!" "Ichino!"

The 3 of them called out to me but I laid with my forehead on the ground as I waved at them.

"I'm fine I'm fine ... I just ran out of MP."

Ah ... it's been a long time, this sense of fatigue.

However, my MP did not totally reach 0 so I could still maintain consciousness.

I sat up.

There was a crater at that spot.

About 500 meters in diameter.

Only a couple of monsters that were just barely outside of the range remained.

Those monsters were sniped by Haru's Wind Arrows.

[Ichinojo Leveled up]

[Magician skill: Light Magic] has skilled up to Light Magic II]

[Job: Fire Magician is now available]

[Job: Water Magician is now available]

[Job: Wind Magician is now available]

【Job: Earth Magician is now available】

[Practitioner skill: [Mace Equip] has skilled up to [Mace Equip II]]

[Practitioner skill: \GammaShield Magic II] has skilled up to \GammaShield Magic III]

[Practitioner skill: [Healing Magic IV] has skilled up to [Healing Magic V]]

... Ah, Practitioner that was level 1 just moments ago had become 48 ... Magician also rose to 63.

Jobless also rose until 85.

It seems possible that I might reach the peak of Jobless soon.

I want to quickly reach the peak and graduate from Jobless.

I removed Temptress from Carol's job and I breathed out.

That was probably not all the monsters.

Even so, they should be able to hold up for a while.

At the exact instant I had that thought, the shadow of a bird-like figure approached from the skies.

Oi oi, another enemy?

Well, if it's just one monster, Haru should be able to shoot it down with her arrows ... or so I thought but I was surprised.

The thing approaching from the sky wasn't a bird.

Pteranodon — A monster similar in shape to a Pteranodon.

"It's a Wyvern!"

Oi oi, why would such a formidable-ish opponent appear here?

"Haru, I'll entrust the task of intercepting it to you. If it doesn't seem possible for us to defeat it, I'll create \(\text{My World} \). That would most likely use up all of my remaining MP so please carry me in!"

"No master, it's alright. That monster is not an enemy."

"Eh?"

Listening to Haru's words, I once again looked up to the skies.

Ah, there's someone riding on the back of the Wyvern.

A silver armor wearing black-haired handsome chap was there.

"You!? If it isn't Kusunoki-kun!?"

He knows my name!?

Now that I think about it, I recalled after looking at him closely.

"It's been a long time ... or not."

I waved at the man riding the Wyvern.

The man that has reached [Holy Knight Lv41]. (TL: The author previously wrote his job as Holy Warrior. Now it's Holy Knight/Paladin) Even though leveling up after reaching a high level in Advance jobs is supposed to be difficult, he had actually leveled up twice.

I wonder what kind of training did he do exactly?

"Suzuki, have you been well?"

When I asked, Suzuki leaped off at roughly a height of 3 meters up.

"Well, I've been ... healthy? It's been terrible in a lot of ways but have you heard of the talk about a monster herd heading for Ferruit? I came to exterminate those monsters but have they been through here?"

"Ah, if you're talking about that monster herd then I've clear them all ... but thanks to that I'm in such a pitiful state."

"All of them!? You defeated all of them?"

" ... Hey Suzuki, could you spare me a mana potion if you have one? I'll trade you this tomato."

"Ah of course. Here."

Suzuki took out a medicine bottle and passed it to me.

I'm saved.

I received the mana potion and downed it in one go.

Ooo, the dullness in my body was expelled in an instant and my body became lighter.

In exchange, I passed him a tomato but Suzuki frowned.

" ... What's wrong?"

"Nothing, I just don't really like tomatoes ... I'll pass this to Miles."

He said as he stored it in his item bag.

What a waste to not eat that delicious tomato.

"Now that you mention, where are those girls?"

"I had them return to defend the town. I came to thin the number of monsters even by a little utilizing my aerial advantage but — $^{\prime\prime}$

"There isn't a need to anymore."

"Yeah, it's great if there's no longer a need for it. After this, I plan to visit the labyrinth that the monsters surged out from. If it's all right with you, could you come too?"

I took a glimpse at Haru and the others behind me after hearing Suzuki's invitation.

The girls would probably tag along if I say I want to go.

But if we dive into the labyrinth, I would not be able to use the strategy we utilized just now.

What should I do?

"I won't force you. I also don't think I would be able to find the root cause. However, there are 5 people trapped inside that labyrinth and I only wish to save them."

"Are they your acquaintances?"

"No, I am not directly acquainted with them ... do you remember that Catuser guy? His niece, a girl called Milky and her male friends Julio and Sutchino ...

Suzuki paused for a beat,

"And also 2 adventurers named Jofre and Elise are apparently trapped inside."

" ... Jofre and Elise!?"

I unintentionally cried out.

That baka couple, just when I was wondering why they didn't show up even though they are supposedly in Ferruit, just what are they doing in that place?

"Do you know them?"

" ... Yeah ... I won't say that I won't help them but ... I'll abandon them if it's impossible."

I said as I held my head.

(098) On top of the Wyvern

" ... Suzuki, can't you fly lower?"

Five people were riding on the Wyvern.

The Wyvern had an extremely wide wingspan but small body. There were only 3 stable positions, on top of its head, neck and the center of its back. With Suzuki sitting on the neck while Haru and I sat atop the center of its back, we were already over capacity.

Of course, even the place we were on was not that spacious either so Haru had to cling to me. I could feel 2 mounds on my back. It was a sensation of 2 bulges that would have been a lot more enjoyable we were not at our current location.

In that situation, there wasn't any space for the others to seat. Thus, Carol had to sit on my shoulders.

I imagined that it would be quite frightening sitting on someone's shoulder while riding on a Wyvern but Carol apparently had complete faith in me and in fact, she looked like she was having fun being so high up. Maybe she enjoys being high up because she always has to view objects from a lower position?

It's the second time I've given Carol a shoulder ride but it was still quite amazing. It might even become a habit.

There's probably no better position to feel the sensation of a girl's thighs.

Despite that, I was giving her a shoulder ride while seated in an unsteady position. It took my all just to maintain my posture.

Incidentally, Marina was at the precarious position further away near the tail but due to the characteristics of a Street Performer, she apparently won't fall no matter how bad the balance was.

Even though everyone could get on, just by looking at the situation, it was clear that we were over-capacity. I worried if we would fall from the skies.

I actually said that I would go alone but Haru said that she'll go too and Carol also said that her ability might come in use like just now so she also wanted to follow. On the other hand, Marina said some incomprehensible words like "My blood yearns for battle.".

Well, I decided that it would be more convenient if we are all together as we can hole up in My World when the need arises so this arrangement was better.

"Don't worry, this Wyvern has already eaten 7 Rare Medals and is my excellent partner. I met it immediately after coming to this world so it's already been a year."

"You encountered a Wyvern immediately after arriving at this world!? I'm surprised you survived."

Incidentally, the first monster I met was a rabbit.

The body tackle from the rabbit was quite painful. After that, there was even the incident where I was almost killed by Kobolds.

If my first encounter was a Wyvern, I would have probably grumbled "What's with this shitty game." and died.

Just as I was beginning to have some respect for Suzuki, "No, this one was still an egg when I met it. I believe it registered me as its parent due to the imprinting phenomenon.

He corrected me.

I see, so that was what happened.

Then, I looked below.

It was about 200 meters up?

We'll probably die if we fall.

No, If we fall, I'll cast My World and I'll be able to save everyone except Suzuki by transporting them to my world.

"Nevertheless, have you always been doing things like these?" (Ichino) "Things like these?"

"To be honest, you don't have any obligation to help Ferruit right? It's not like

I'm one to speak but I only participated in the fight after we had secured a 100% safety margin fighting method but it doesn't look like you have such means?"

"Certainly ... it's not a 100% safe fight. But the fights I've been dragged into have only been dangerous ones."

Suzuki said like he was mocking himself.

"But it's because this is what I ended up wishing for."

"What you ended up wishing for?"

I would understand if he said it's what he wished for. It would mean that he himself wished to live that lifestyle.

But, ended up wishing for ... I replied with a question to the strange phrasing he used.

"I'm saying that my blessing is Protagonist Correction."

" ... Ha?"

"It's quite common right? Action movie protagonists where all the bullets shot by enemies miss them or detective novel protagonists where they stumble onto cases one after another no matter where they go. Where the women they encounter are all beauties, mysterious helpers would come to their aid when they are about to be killed or where the enemy's footing crumbles at the critical moment. That's the Protagonist Correction. That is the ability I received from Goddess-sama."

Suzuki laughed while saying,

"In fact, when you asked me to compete with rock, paper and scissors, I didn't really mind not because of my luck stat but because I could depend on my Protagonist Correction.

He explained.

Protagonist Correction huh?

Certainly, unlike me who only spent interesting moments with girls, listening to Suzuki, he really sounds like he's been living the life of a novel protagonist

who encounters nothing but adventures.

Hn? Does that mean, in other words,

"Protagonist Correction, in other words, it doesn't mean that only good things will happen to you right?"

"Yeah. Like I said earlier? Like how the protagonist of a mystery novel gets embroiled in various incidents wherever he goes, that is also due to Protagonist Correction. I'm not bragging but whenever I stop at whichever town, there has not been a case where nothing happens in 3 days."

Uwah, that's a seriously miserable blessing. So there's also a predisposition to getting tangled up in issues.

If we're comparing the degree of how miserable it is, it could compete well with Marina's Street Performer job release blessing. No, even the Street Performer can have 100% accuracy and become a person famous with the bow like shown before so it might actually be even more pitiable than that.

Well, it did let him pick up a Wyvern egg the instant he came to this world.

"Hah, I'm glad I'm not a protagonist."

"Yes, Ichino-sama is not a protagonist but our master."

Carol who was seated above my head said.

What a wonderful thing she said.

Eh, no, it's not really that great?

Kusunoki-kun, try looking below."

Suzuki seated at the Wyvern's neck said to me.

"Oi, there's no way I can look down while giving someone a shoulder ride! Describe to me what you see!"

"Ah, that's true. Sorry. There's a herd of monsters below. They are headed to Ferruit."

"Then we'll have to quickly exterminate them."

Let's land somewhere and I'll be able to reconsider our seating arrangement.

Or so I thought but Suzuki shook his head.

"Even though Marina-san is shooting her magic bow at the monster crowd below right now, we're on our way to confront the mastermind so we shouldn't stop here. Why don't we leave these monsters to my companions?"

"... Ah, understood. Marina, try to reduce the number of the monsters as much as possible."

"I know even if you don't say it. Ichino, I leveled up."

Hearing Marina's reply, I was slightly relieved.

[Ichinojo Leveled up]

... Ah, I leveled up too. It seems like my Magician level went up.

I see, of the experience points from the monsters Marina defeated, ½ went to Marina while the remaining ½ was divided by 4. In other words, Marina got 5/8 while me, Haru and Carol got 1/8 of the experience each.

Yup, it sure is great to take it easy.

Eh ... wait, what a waste!

Among my jobs, 2 of the 4 were already at counter stop.

What a waste of experience points.

For now, I'll assign Fire Magician and Earth Magician.

Since even though it's just 1/8 of the experience points, I have the special characteristic of only requiring 1/20 of the experience points to level up.

My levels should go up with this setting.

Neither Fire Magician nor Earth Magician at their respective level 1 was stronger than my counter stop Apprentice Magician and Apprentice Practitioner but when comparing against their level 1, they boasted close to double the stats.

Since it would be better the greater my MP was.

There aren't any disadvantages to leveling up these jobs.

"I can see it! There!"

Suzuki yelled there — but where is there?

I already said I can't look down.

"We'll be plunging in. Prepare for battle."

Plunging in!? Eh, seriously what's the situation below?

I could tell that we were lowering our altitude.

But, immediately after, I was rocked by a large impact and when I looked around — we were in the middle of a monster herd.

I seriously thought that I want to go shut myself in right now.

(099) Side Story - Growth limit

Deep within the labyrinth in Dakyat.

Monsters were surging out of the place where the Goddess statue once stood, their momentum was unstoppable.

Many beast-type monsters appear in the Dakyat labyrinth but even though it is supposed to be a beginner labyrinth, the strength of those monsters was from middle-class to upper-class.

Mixed within that monster herd, a sheep with golden fur walked towards the exit.

That sheep called a golden-furred sheep was a rare monster and normally would rarely appear.

However, monsters were appearing at a couple times, a dozen times, a couple hundred times the normal rate.

A silver-coloured metallic whip lassoed onto that golden-furred sheep's hoof and it was dragged into a blind alley away from its original route.

"Meeeeeeeh!" The golden-furred sheep cried out but the other monsters did not look towards it.

Then, the golden-furred sheep saw the girl who held the whip and the 3 men pulling on it.

It was Elise, Jofre, Julio and Sutchino.

"Get itttt!"

When they dragged it to a certain distance, with Jofre's signal, the men charged at the golden-furred sheep while holding their weapons.

The golden-furred sheep is not a ferocious monster, it is a weak monster among the monsters that appear in the middle-class labyrinth.

In other words, it is at a level that can be defeated if the 3 of them attacked

together.

Even though he had a bruise on his face from a strong kick by the golden-furred sheep using its hind leg, Jofre dealt the finishing blow with Excalibur. (TL: It changed back to Excalibur. Weird.) The golden-furred sheep dropped lamb meat, golden-furred sheep pelt and rare medal.

"Fuhihi, it appeared again Julio, golden-furred sheep pelt."

Sutchino gently hugged the dropped golden-coloured wool like it was a baby.

However, unlike the loving eyes used to look at a baby, the eyes he used to look at the wool was filled with desire.

There was enough wool to make 3 sweaters.

It's a pretty valuable item and the nouveau riche among nobles and the rich would love to use it.

With this amount, it would be possible to get 10,000 sense. It was no wonder that Sutchino was shaking in excitement.

"Is it really okay? For us to have everything."

"Sure, in exchange, we'll be taking this."

Jofre picked up the rare medal and brought it to the mouth of the slow donkey Centaur behind them.

"Eat properly, Centaur."

"Chew well before you swallow, Centaur."

Centaur opened its mouth, took the whole rare medal into its mouth and swallowed directly.

The rare medal is something that monsters enjoy eating but it seemed like it was an unreasonable request to ask it to swallow after chewing properly.

"Looks like it grew once more. I think it should be possible soon."

Milky muttered after looking at the changes to Centaur's body.

Among the 5 people and 1 donkey present, the one with the most strength was without a doubt Centaur.

Due to that, for the sake of escaping from there, there was a need for Centaur's strength but it might not have enough strength under current conditions so they defeated rare monsters and fed it rare medals.

"Has it reached its limit?"

"Not yet."

"Then, let's feed it a couple more medals. We still have rations left anyway."

Jofre said as he took out a white bread from within his item bag.

"Jofre, let's grill some lamb meat!"

"Ou, it will be Genghis Khan!" (TL: Genghis Khan is a Japanese mutton and vegetable dish cooked using a slotted dome cast iron grill.) Elise said with a smile as she held up the lamb meat that just dropped.

"Yup, but we don't have the pot for Genghis Khan nor the vegetables nor the sauce!"

"Then, it will be a Genghis Khan without the Genghis Khan pot, vegetables and sauce."

Milky drew patterns on a talisman and placed it under a rock.

The talisman released heat and heated the rock. Above the rock, Elise lined the lamb meat with a fork.

"A Genghis Khan without the Genghis Khan pot, vegetables and sauce ... is just grilled lamb meat."

Sutchino said with a cold tone.

Even though the smell of grilled meat filled the labyrinth, not to mention herbivore monsters, not even carnivore monsters approached at all.

Although she felt a sense of danger from the abnormality, Milky stared fixedly at Centaur who was eating the bread Jofre placed down.

It was mentioned before but Centaur still had not reached its growth limit.

That was the abnormality.

(Normally, an ordinary monster would not grow any further after eating 2

rare medals. Even the dragon race known for their high growth limits would meet their limit after eating about 5 to 10 medals and they won't grow anymore after that from medals.) Including the 2 medals Jofre passed to it previously and the 7 medals this time, Centaur had eaten a total of 9 medals.

Despite that, it still didn't look like it was about to reach its growth limit anytime soon.

(Is this monster – really just a mere slow donkey?) Milky looked at the owners of this mysterious monster, Jofre and Elise.

Jofre pierced the well-done meat with a fork and fed it to Elise.

(Are these people aware? Of the abnormality of this monster ...) Should I ask?

Just as she had that thought,

"Julio, eat up too, here, open up."

"I, I can eat on my own!"

"Just open your mouth."

The meat on a fork was forcibly shoved into Julio's mouth.

Looking at that scene that can be said to be ordinary,

"Fu Fuhehehehe."

Milky's fujoshi filter was working as usual and her imagination was floating towards a peachy pink direction.

(100) Plunging into the labyrinth

We abruptly landed in the enemy's territory.

Suzuki, you're way too extreme!

"Shit, Haru, let's go! Carol and Marina remain on top of the Wyvern!"

Haru leaped down and I descended after her into battle after putting Carol down behind me.

Suzuki began fighting first with a sword.

The defensive strength of a Magician would not be sufficient in a situation like this.

Apart from Jobless, I changed my jobs to Swordsman, Pugilist, Hammer-user and Apprentice Blacksmith.

"Suzuki, have the Wyvern take to the skies!"

In such a chaotic combat situation, I can't say for sure that it would be safer to be beside me.

Suzuki smiled bitterly at my appeal and,

"I only intended to ask for your support from the start but you'll fight together with me on the ground?"

He asked us.

Say so earlier if that was your intention from the start.

Nevertheless, I won't fall so low as to just reply with "Ah really? Then I'll leave it to you.".

And, Haru is also here with me anyway.

"Yeah, Haru and I will be alright. Quickly!"

I shouted as I cut off the lion monster's head with the sword I took out from my item bag after sidestepping the attack it did using its front paw.

"Understood! Pochi! Wait for me in the sky!"

Suzuki shouted and the Wyvern replied by soaring into the skies.

"Oi, you named the Wyvern Pochi?!"

"Yeah. A pet's name should be Pochi right?"

Even as Suzuki explained confidently, he opened a path with a \[Slash \].

... Pochi, no matter how I look at it, that's a dog's name.

It doesn't seem like I will have the leeway to tsukkomi him.

After Suzuki's 「Slash」 attack, it looked like the monster herd regarded us as enemies that needed to be eliminated.

"Kusunoki-kun and Haru-san, fight with your backs against each other! It would be easier that way!"

"That won't do! I'll be sealing Haru's movements!"

Her specialty was her agility.

If she has her back against me, she would not be able to evade the enemy attacks.

"I agree with master."

While defeating monsters, I felt as if my heart was stolen when I looked at Haru's movements with the corner of my eye.

As if having eyes behind her head, she evaded attacks from 360 degrees around her as she attacked their vital areas.

So that is Haru's combat style.

As I had that thought, the enemy behind me was hit by a wind arrow.

And the monsters at a slight distance away began rampaging.

It was the support from above from Marina using her magic bow and from Carol's 「Charm」.

However, it did not reduce the number of enemies around us. It appears that the number was increasing from the monsters coming from within the labyrinth.

"Hurry, plunge into the labyrinth!"

I didn't think that we would be able to reduce the number of monsters surging out of the labyrinth if we continued fighting there. Suzuki's decision was

most likely correct.

Because his cool down time has passed, Suzuki once again released a 「Slash」 and created a path to break through.

Amazing — even though he only possesses one job, his offensive strength was in no way inferior to mine.

It was probably due to his job being the highest tier job and at the same time, there was probably a difference between our swords as well.

It was most likely a sword with high performance, unlike the iron sword I was holding.

We ran towards the labyrinth.

Naturally, there wasn't any time to pick up the dropped magic stones.

Even though there wasn't supposed to be any more monsters along the path after Suzuki's previous \(\subseteq \text{Slash} \], the path was already filled with monsters once again.

"「Slash」!"

A \[\script{Slash} \] attack using an Iron Sword. It rivaled the strength of Suzuki's previous attack.

My offensive power had risen considerably.

Dozens of monsters were sliced diagonally and scattered.

"Well done ... So Kusunoki-kun is that strong."

Suzuki-kun commented with a wry grin.

"Well. Even though I look like this, I received quite a good blessing."

A large majority of the secret to my strength lies within Jobless but I promised Goddess-sama to not reveal it.

"Great, let's advance to the end in one go!"

I said as I turned a corner.

It doesn't seem it like would be possible ... to reach the end in one go.

Once I turned the corner, I once again saw a flock of monsters.

If it's like this, exactly how long would it take to reach the deepest region?

It happened when I was thinking about that.

"What's that?"

Something was running towards us with frightening momentum.

... New enemies?

That monster (?) approached us as it sent all the monsters in my vision flying.

"Please stopppppp! Centaurrrrr!"

"Stopppppp! Centaurrrrr!"

Just when I thought I heard the voices of the Elise and Jofre duo, the 3 of us were sent flying by Centaur that Jofre and Elise were riding on.

As I was sent flying, I saw Centaur's figure — it was desperately chasing after a carrot dangled in front of its head by a stick.

The method I once taught them to make Centaur run wild was being faithfully reproduced.

(101) To move forward or to retreat?

As I was sent flying, while turning upside down, confirming Haru's safety came first.

Instead of getting flung into the air, it seemed like Haru leaped into the air on her own to avoid it so it looked like she wasn't hurt.

Suzuki ... was like me, checking that Haru and I were safe.

While upside down, I ordered Haru.

"Haru, can you destroy the wooden stick that Centaur is chasing after!"

"Jofre-san is in the way so — "

"Oi Jofre! Break the stick above Centaur!"

Perhaps my voice reached him, Jofre unsheathed his sword and cut the wooden stick.

As the carrot fell to the ground and Centaur ate it, the runaway train or rather, the runaway donkey finally stopped.

It seemed like I was about to fall on my head so I balled myself up to fall down safely.

I was surprised that my body didn't hurt at all.

"Ha, we survived ... Eh? Why is Jo here?" (TL: They nicknamed Ichinojo as Jo.) "It's been a long time Jo! Are you taking a stroll?"

Jofre finally noticed my presence.

Elise, nobody will ever take a stroll at a place like this.

"Brother, please wait!"

"Milky, strengthen the barrier more! Monsters are coming from behind!"

" — This is my limit ... leaving that aside."

From the same direction that Jofre and Elise came from, two boys and one girl

about the age of high school students came running.

The black-haired boy was carrying a large amount of golden wool for some reason.

The girl who was running the furthest behind seemed to have noticed me first.

I guess those people were the ones Suzuki said where with Jofre.

The girl who was maintaining the barrier the furthest behind must definitely be the niece of the Cat-user man.

... She's a pretty cute girl.

"Leaving that aside, two new men ... fufu, fufufufufu."

Scary!

What's with her? That girl burst out laughing when she saw me and Suzuki.

"You all are Milky-san, Julio-kun and Sutchino-kun right? I came to help due to Milky-san's uncle's request."

Suzuki gave a refreshing smile to reassure the three of them.

It can't be helped with the current situation but if it was during normal times, it was a refreshing smile that made me want to strike him from behind.

"By the way, Jofre, what happened exactly? Don't tell me you guys are the reason why the monsters are appearing?"

"It wasn't us. I don't know what exactly but the Korat agents did something like [Gaban] and [Dogan]." (TL: Those are onomatopoeia.) ... I don't really understand but if I remember correctly, Korat is the enemy of Dakyat.

"I'll explain."

Milky stepped forward.

Eh? Even though she wasn't injured just awhile ago, "Are you alright? Your nose is bleeding."

Suzuki examined Milky's face.

"She's fine. That is something like an illness of hers. Right, Julio."

"Yeah, an illness. It's not due to an injury."

Sutchino and Julio nodded to each other.

A ... sickly girl?

Looking at Milky profuse nosebleed, my intuition told me that it was a bad illness in another meaning.

"The Korat agents performed a ceremony at the Goddess statue and I believe it probably altered the Goddess statue's function of collecting and purifying miasma into creating monsters from the accumulated miasma."

Even though she was explaining with a bleeding nose, we finally found out the reason for the emergence of the monsters.

"Do you know of any method to stop the emergence of the monsters?"

"I might be able to think of a solution if I investigate it but ..."

Milky said but her words didn't have any drive behind it.

Julio and Sutchino looked pretty tired too.

"Kusunoki-kun, they have been trapped in the labyrinth for days. They should be terribly tired. Let's talk after we leave this place."

"That's true, it would be impossible for any ordinary human to be fine after spending a couple of days here."

Haru who was a step behind us and did not participate in the conversation stepped up beside me, "Master, then I will carry Milky-san."

"Alright, the men will have to run on their own."

It's by no means impossible but I can't take them along until the Goddess statue.

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"Jo, I'm fine though?"
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"Jo, I'm fine too?"

You two are probably not standard humans though.

"We'll be running until we escape to the outside okay!"

I proposed that — but,

"Please wait a moment!"

An unexpected person called out.

It was Sutchino who was shouldering the golden wool.

"You guys were able to come here so you're strong right? Then let's go to the Goddess statue!"

" ... I don't mind but will you guys be alright?"

"Of course."

Julio looked like he wanted to say something after I asked but Sutchino interrupted him and nodded grandly.

This Sutchino guy has quite a strong sense of justice.

Since he was carrying golden wool on his back, I thought for sure that he was quite a considerable miser who would definitely not leave behind anything of monetary value.

"You guys act as our witness too! Our task is to place a certain object in front of the Goddess statue. If we don't do that, we won't be able to get our reward."

"Oi Sutchino! A task like that, isn't it fine to just toss it there appropriately!" Julio said angrily.

"No Julio! These people are fairly strong. Since that is the case, if we properly place it in front of the Goddess statue, the client will also be convinced if we get these people to attest to it!"

... I stand corrected, he's quite a considerable miser.

However, is it really alright?

"Would you all be fine?"

Milky and Julio seemed to me like they were quite tired.

"Yeah, we'll be fine. Because I will be able to go anywhere as long as I am together with Elise."

"Me too, I can go anywhere as long as I am with Jofre."

"Elise."

"Jofre."

Towards Jofre and Elise who were hugging each other, "I'm not asking you guys!"

I sent a 「Slash」 flying towards the gap between the two of them.

And — all Centaur was doing was biting and pulling on the item bag Jofre had to get more carrots.

(102) Run, Ichino, run

"「Grand Cross」!"

Suzuki slashed a cross shape with his sword in high speed.

When he did that, the shockwave flew forward and wiped out the monsters that filled the passage.

The power exhibited by dual-wielding two swords to perform \(\sigma \) Slash \(\sigma \) could not compare to the might of that attack.

"Is that a Paladin skill? It has amazing power."

"Yeah, although the MP consumption can't even be compared on the same scale with the MP consumption of 「Slash」. If not for this amulet Schreyl passed to me, I would be on the verge of collapsing just from shooting one shot. Since the MP of a Paladin is not that high."

Suzuki said as he took out a purple charm with a hexagonal star drawn on it that looked like it could be bought from a shrine.

" ... Amulet huh."

"What effect does it have?"

"As long as I hold this amulet, I can share MP with Schreyl."

MP sharing huh? That certainly does seem convenient.

If I could share MP with Haru, Haru would be able to shoot a bit more Slashes.

"Then it means that if you overused it, it would be a burden on that loli girl?"

"Loli girl ... well, I can't deny that though. But that girl accompanying you, Carol is it? She was able to make friends with Schreyl but that girl is still young as well right?"

" ... Ah, she looks young but she's already 17 years old."

"17!? Is she perhaps a minihume? No, a minihume should be even smaller."

"She's a half between a minihume and a hume."

"I see. Then it's no wonder she's that age even though she looks like that."

Suzuki was deliberating on something.

... I looked at Suzuki's eyes and,

"Hey you, don't tell me you are thinking about something like her being a legal loli or whatnot? This includes Haru but if you touch Carol I'll be angry okay."

"I, I won't! Since I have three important companions."

"But you can't touch your those three important companions right?"

" ... Please don't remind me."

He hung his head in sadness.

This guy is pitiful too.

Sorry but Carol has already reserved me for her first time.

It's different from being a DT.

"The two of you, stop playing and go faster! There are enemies coming from behind too."

Sutchino screamed.

Looking back, I saw enemies approaching from behind too.

In a state where they were barely being held back by Haru.

"Master, I'm fine. I can still hold out."

"Sorry, Haru! Milky, please cast another barrier."

"Okay ... "

For some reason, Milky took out a talisman to use for her barrier while having a satisfied expression.

But she told me that she didn't have many of them left. The talismans made by Magic Journalists can be used as long as it is within a year from creation but there's the drawback that it takes time to create them and they are not able to carry too many of them.

Nevertheless, for some reason, I noticed that Milky had a serious nosebleed like just now.

Did something happen?

I was caught up with chatting with Suzuki so I didn't grasp the situation behind me.

"Yes! It's complete! Here we go, Centaur!"

"Let's go, Centaur!"

Jofre hung a carrot on a thread wound around his sword scabbard and completed the construction of the impromptu Centaur guiding device — Centaur took off the moment they mounted it. In other words, Centaur was running towards the carrot that was dangling in front of its eyes.

There's nothing scarier that a car with broken brakes.

I wonder how could the two of them ride on something so dangerous.

"Everyone, follow big brother!"

Julio hastily followed after Jofre and Elise.

Regardless of how Suzuki defeated the line of monsters just now, even more monsters flooded out and were approaching us.

Those monsters were sent flying by Centaur.

Oi oi, the monsters here are quite strong and are in no ways inferior to monsters one encounter in intermediate labyrinths, no, there are even stronger enemies mixed within the monsters here.

I heard that they fed Centaur rare medals but just how much was it strengthened?

In addition ... that Jofre is way too dextrous. He splendidly avoided whenever the sword tip was about to collide with the enemies and led Centaur on a route that sent as many enemies flying as possible.

We continued running for twenty minutes. In order to let the tired Milky, Sutchino and Julio keep up, Jofre manipulated the carrot and made Centaur run

around in circles thinking that it was cute but that is normally animal abuse so for now, he let it eat that one carrot.

But ... he shouldn't have done that.

"Shit! That carrot just now was the last carrot right, Elise."

"Eh? Then we don't have any remaining carrots?"

"No way, to think we would run out of carrots at a place like this."

"Big brother, what should we do if there are no more carrots!"

Jofre, Elise, Julio and Sutchino were making a commotion.

It seems pathetic to have carrots as the lifeline for an adventure.

"Ah, I don't know if it would serve as an alternative to a carrot but I have a tomato ..."

The instant I said that as I took out from my item bag the tomato produced in My World, Centaur began running in my direction.

"Eh, uwaaaaaaaa!"

With that momentum, I did not even have the time to toss the tomato and could only start running to escape.

It was to the extent where Centaur was running with bloodshot eyes.

Just like that, I ran into the center of the enemies.

(103) The battle's not over even though it's over

I ran forward while gripping the tomato without crushing it.

If I crushed it, my hand would be covered in tomato and Centaur would tear off my whole arm — such a future came to mind.

It's pathetic that despite having fought against numerous monsters like the Goblin King, Minotaur, and Giant Lizards, the one I am most afraid of right now is a donkey.

To be honest, I believe I would win if I directly fought with Centaur. But, Centaur's eyes were way too terrifying.

I was being pressured by the spirit of a donkey.

I should be proud knowing that the tomato I made was of good quality but the effectiveness was way too much.

I should urgently toss the tomato but what would happen if Centaur stopped in a place like this?

That's because I was, Centaur and I were advancing forward while kicking and scattering the monster horde.

Because there was no time to fight with a sword, I was knocking them down with kicks and punches.

Even though I could not kill them with a single strike, it was fine. I parried the enemy's attacks, defeated them and constructed a barricade of monsters.

And Centaur was easily destroying said barricades.

I saw the figure of Haru desperately chasing from behind but I did not see Suzuki.

He was probably acting as the rear guard.

Shall we advance this way?

When I decided to do so,

"「Slash」!"

I crossed both my hands and swung them downward in one go.

It was not as impressive as Suzuki's 「Grand Cross」 but it did wound all the monsters within my vision.

The monsters went berserk due to the smell of blood but that was instead favorable.

Because they were rampaging in such a narrow space, they stumbled on each other and could not move about properly.

The monsters would not be able to directly attack me in such a situation so I took a grand leap and ran as I kicked off the back of a red bull-like monster, the back of a black and white tiger and the back of a green bear.

From behind, Centaur was still charging forward while ignoring everything.

I saw Haru give finishing blows to the remnants and survivors that were left behind.

Is it a complete monopoly of tastiness (experience points) by Haru?

Well, as a companion, I would also receive 1/4 of the experience points but as I'm continually in battle, the level up announcement did not come.

I wonder when would the combat end.

In the first place, we don't even know if we can solve the problem even if we arrive at the Goddess statue.

However — I'll do whatever I'm capable of doing.

I don't have any interest in protecting a country or saving the world but if danger is approaching the people in front of me, I wish to protect them.

"Jo! That's the boss room!"

I heard Jofre's voice from behind when I entered a large room.

I clearly saw that the large door was open when I entered the room.

Then, in the center of the room was a huge brown hairy elephant-like monster, or rather, a mammoth-like monster.

When it saw me, it swung it's trunk and tried to kill all the monsters in the room including me but, "Hurry up and become mammoth meat!"

I drew my sword, sliced off the mammoth's trunk and before the mammoth who had lost its means of attack die from loss of blood, I pierced its forehead with the sword I swung down, causing it to drop a remarkably large magic stone, mammoth teeth and, as if materializing my wish, mammoth meat and disappeared.

... I stored the mammoth meat inside my item bag.

I've always wanted to try eating it once.

... Just as I had that thought. I let my guard down for that one instance, that one fraction of a second.

As I was careless after defeating the strongest enemy, I was blown away from a blow to my back.

When I looked back as I was blown away, I saw Centaur eating the tomato that I dropped.

... I'll have a hard time if it was my enemy.

Even as I thought that, I stretched my left hand to my back to cast Heal and I thought of a certain strategy.

"Haru, sorry but I'll be using it!"

I scattered the tomatoes from my item bag.

The scent of the tomato captivates Centaur so the other monsters should want to eat it too.

As planned, the herbivore monsters rampaged as if to snatch the tomatoes.

I found a protrusion on the wall, grabbed hold of it and watched the situation from afar.

A single mouse that stood on two feet like a kangaroo (but there wasn't any pouch) was the winner of a match and it was about to take the tomato with its forefoot ... immediately after that.

Centaur threw an intense blow with its hind foot to prevent the tomato from

being taken.

That was not all, all the monsters that were about to eat the tomatoes were all blown away by Centaur's kicks.

It was like it was in a peerless state.

"There's no way I can let a donkey snatch all the good stuff."

I said as I descended and mopped up the remaining monsters at full speed.

Half-way through, Haru and Suzuki joined the fight and the three of us killed all of the monsters.

【Ichinojo Leveled up】

[Job: Samurai is now available]

【Swordsman skill: 「Dragon Winding Slash」acquired】

【Swordsman skill: \(\subseteq \text{Sky Shattering Strike} \) acquired \(\)

[Job: Sword Saint is now available]

There are no further levels for Swordsman

【Title: Peak of Swordsman acquired】

【Title: Peak of Swordsman and Peak of Apprentice Swordsman have integrated, The Way of the Sword acquired】

【Title skill: Pulsation of the Sword acquired】

[Pugilist skill: 「HP Strengthening (minor)」has skilled up to 「HP Strengthening (small)」]

[Pugilist skill: 「Body Boost」acquired]

[Job: Gladiator is now available]

There are no further levels for Pugilist

Title: Peak of Pugilist acquired

【Hammer-user skill: 「Revolving Hammer」acquired】

[Job: Hammer Warrior is now available]

【Hammer-user skill: 「Pico Pico Hammer Jacquired】(TL: Pico Pico hammer is

one of those toy rubber hammers) [There are no further levels for Hammer-user]

[Title: Peak of Hammer-user acquired]

【Apprentice Blacksmith skill: 「Fighting Spirit Injection」acquired】

[There are no further levels for Apprentice Blacksmith]

【Title: Peak of Apprentice Blacksmith acquired】

[Job: Blacksmith is now available]

[Recipes acquired]

... It ended ... ?

There was a mountain of magic stones and monster materials.

The level up message announced the end of the battle.

Of course, I defeated a large number of monsters to reach the end but nevertheless, I was still shocked at how all my jobs reached counter stop.

However, I could hardly spare the time to be surprised.

Because the room the Goddess statue was supposed to be in was covered in darkness.

Even during combat, monsters occasionally sprung out from within that darkness.

A chill went down my spine just by gazing at that darkness.

Then, from within the darkness, the mammoth monster I just defeated appeared once again.

(104) Cleared Darkness

The mammoth that appeared from within the darkness was, once again, defeated by me with a single blow though.

There's no doubt that this was the place where the monsters were surging out from.

It wasn't just the mammoth, we defeated the monsters that were coming out one after the other but I thought that we won't be making any progress if we don't do something about the darkness.

"Suzuki! Can't you do something with your Holy powers!?"

"I've been doing it since just now! But I've not heard of any sword techniques that can slice through darkness!"

Light bullets were being shot out from Suzuki's sword but they were absorbed by the darkness without anything happening.

"Milky right! Could you seal the Goddess statue with the barrier you used just now?"

"It should be possible for a short period of time but I don't recommend doing so. The monsters that appear are stronger the thicker the miasma is."

"Is that so ... damn it."

We came all the way here but we don't have any means to do anything ... huh.

"If the Goddess statue is the cause, won't it somehow work out if you smash the Goddess statue at the back?"

Julio said something unthinkable.

It's true that if the ritual uses the ability of the Goddess statue to gather miasma, it might be possible if we destroy the Goddess statue ... hm?

No, instead, won't it be fine if I bring the Goddess statue to My World?

The field might be devastated if My World becomes filled with monsters but the Goddess-sama said that they would visit occasionally so if it's them, they should be able to do something about it.

"You will certainly face capital punishment if you destroy the Goddess statue. In the first place, the Goddess statue was created such that it is immovable by anyone and indestructible."

I felt my crude strategy crumble from Suzuki's words of it being immovable.

"For the time being, it will be alright as long as something is done with this darkness right? Then I will manage it somehow!"

The person who said that was none other than Jofre.

"Do you have a strategy?"

As Suzuki still has not fully understood Jofre yet, he asked Jofre while holding on to a small ray of hope.

It's probably some strange strategy right?

"I will throw this sword!"

Jofre pulled out a sword — Excalipoor from its sheath and declared.

That sword was an imitation Holy Sword sold to Jofre by Marina's owner Kanon, in other words, it's a regular iron sword.

Even though it emits golden light, it is still made out of iron.

"That sword is?"

"This sword is a hero's sword! Also, by throwing it, this sword has the onetime effect of repelling darkness!"

That's absurd. There's no way a regular iron sword would have an effect like that ... no, wait?

"Jofre, did Kanon-san, the person who sold you that sword, really say that?"

"Yeah, she did, Jo."

"Suzuki, that sword is a sword created by a Magic Sword Craftsman.
Furthermore, Marina, a Japanese, was with that Magic Sword Craftsman for a

long time and that sword is named Excalipoor. What do you know about the sword Excalipoor?"

"Ah, I am a Final ... I see, Excalipoor huh!" (TL: Final as in Final Fantasy fan.) Suzuki finally understood what I was trying to convey.

Then, he said to Jofre.

"Jofre! Please throw that sword!"

"Ou, leave it to me!"

Jofre said as he held Excalipoor aloft and threw it.

The sword was sucked into the darkness.

"Did it fail?"

It was Sutchino who muttered that.

Nice flag!

That's because the next instant, the darkness ruptured and space returned to normal.

"As expected of Excalipoor ... "

"Yeah, the strongest sword specialized for throwing."

Excalipoor.

It appears in a certain famous RPG and boasts the strongest attack power. However, due to a curse, it can be said that it can't deal damage to enemies at all. But, by using the special command 'Throw' and throwing it at the enemy, it is capable of dealing the largest possible amount of damage. (TL: It's a reference to Final Fantasy. The Excalipoor sword always deal 1 damage despite its high battle power but will deal 9999 damage when thrown in battle.)

Although, once the weapon is thrown, the weapon is lost forever.

"I can see it! The Goddess statue!"

After the darkness cleared, the Goddess statue stood within the room. That bikini armor Goddess statue, if I'm not mistaken, it should be the Goddess of Battle and Victory, Setolance-sama.

When Sutchino said that, he took out a glass bead from his chest pocket and ran forward.

"Once I place this it would be mission complete and we would be rolling in gold!"

But, the same time Sutchino entered the room, thick darkness once again overflowed out from the Goddess statue.

So it didn't work even with what we did just now!

"Sutchino! Monsters would be surging forth! Run!"

Suzuki's yell shocked Sutchino and he wanted to retreat but his feet got tangled up and he tripped over grandly.

Then, the glass bead he held collided with the Goddess statue ... and it was absorbed into the Goddess statue.

" ... Eh?"

Really, who was it who muttered that?

The moment I noticed the glass bead get absorbed into the Goddess statue, the darkness overflowing from the Goddess statue receded and —

Before we knew it, we were in a pure white space.

Then, standing there was,

"Welcome, brave heroes who saved the country from darkness!"

With burning red long hair as if they were in flames, almost naked wearing only a red bikini armor, the Goddess, Setolance was there.

(105) The Goddess Setolance

Goddess of Battle and Victory — under Setolance-sama's dominating spirit, all of us lowered our heads.

Thanks to the bikini armor Goddess-sama was wearing, I had a hard time finding a place to settle my eyes on so I was honestly thankful to bow.

And, even though I always meet with the Goddess-samas one on one, it can be said that it was limited to this time only that I wasn't the only person present there.

Haru, Suzuki, Jofre, Elise, Julio, Sutchino, Milky and even Centaur was there.

"It's been a long time, Setolance-sama."

Suzuki was the first to speak up.

Suzuki met Setolance-sama before?

"It's been a long time, Hero Kota. And, brave warriors, I thank you for your hard work. Thanks to the actions of you gentlemen and ladies, the two countries have been saved. I thank you as representative of the Goddesses."

Setolance lowered her head,

"Don't worry about it. We should help each other out in times of need right?"

"That's right. Furthermore, we are a Hero and a Monster Master so it's natural that we save the world."

Jofre and Elise said that without reading the atmosphere.

"Ah, but I've lost the sword that released my hero power so maybe I have once again reverted back into a Swordsman."

"Eeh, then I've also returned to being a Monster-user?"

You guys probably weren't a Hero and a Monster Master in the first place!

Furthermore, you're not a Swordsman and a Monster-user but probably an Apprentice Swordsman and a Whip-user!

Well, with this round of battles, that Jofre's Apprentice Swordsman level should have risen and he should have reached the level required to change job to Swordsman. Elise was also a Lv23 Whip-user so she might be able to change job to Monster-user too.

"Erm, how did we return Setolance-sama's Goddess statue back to its original state? I totally don't understand."

Suzuki asked.

That's right, I don't either.

To begin with, why was everything solved with the glass bead that Sutchino was carrying?

"This time the battle was a scheme by the Vampire Valf to destroy the two countries Dakyat and Korat. People who did not think kindly of that offered Sutchino a bead imbued with the magic to destroy Valf's ritual."

I see. But that gave rise to a new question.

"But, why was that magic bead entrusted to him?"

Suzuki's doubt was reasonable. If such an important bead was to be bestowed, there should be more suitable individuals right?

For example, someone like this Suzuki here.

The person who was entrusted the bead, Sutchino, also nodded greatly.

"Demon Lord Famiris — I believe it was done according to the few records she left behind from her ability to predict the future. Even after her death, there are still many who are under her influence in this world."

" ... Demon Lord Famiris? Does the Demon Lord Army and the Demon Lord Famiris have a hostile relationship?"

Suzuki made a mysterious expression.

I've also heard from Haru that the Demon Lord Famiris was not a mere villain so I also could not tell from that.

"Well then, I called you gentlemen and ladies over for the sake of giving you this."

【Special skill: 「Setolance's Blessing」acquired】

It seemed like including me, everyone acquired the same skill.

They had slightly surprised expressions.

"This skill raises HP and Physical Attack by 30% whenever the enemies outnumber you. By all means, I hope you effectively utilize it."

"Erm ... for this battle, we weren't the only ones involved, my companions who are on standby outside also played a role so could the two of them receive this skill too?"

"Me too. Goddess Setolance, I would like to request for my companions to receive the same skill."

"Alright. I will bestow it upon them when they visit my Goddess statue."

Hearing her words, Suzuki and I were relieved.

"Well then, finally, I will give you all special privilege skills or items. I look forward to meeting you all once again."

When Setolance-sama said that, we had returned to in front of the Goddess statue.

Then,

[Title: Labyrinth Conqueror III] has ranked up to Labyrinth Conqueror IV]

【Clear reward skill: 「Lifestyle Magic II」has skilled up to 「Lifestyle Magic III」】

... This again.

The reward is way too biased.

Well, it's better compared to them.

"Uwa, it's a scourer."

"Why only us."

Julio and Sutchino got scourers. Ah, I don't want to be like them.

"A fountain pen that does not require ink ... Goddess-sama, thank you."

Milky looked like she was satisfied.

"Look Elise! It's a new sword!"

"Congrats Jofre! Ah, I got the Cat Gather skill!"

"「Cat Gather」 huh! Congrats Elise!"

"Thank you Jofre!"

It seems like those two would be delighted no matter what they receive.

For Centaur ... I don't know what it received. To begin with, I don't even know if it is possible for it to receive anything.

Lastly, Haru.

" ... Haru?"

I tried waving my hands in front of her.

There was no reaction.

She had fainted while standing after coming face to face with the Goddess-sama she believes in.

"Ichino-sama, I hope he is safe."

In the skies above the labyrinth, Carol said like she was praying while riding on top of the Wyvern.

"Ichino is an individual who possesses great blessings bestowed by two Goddesses from among the six Goddesses. Even if he encounters the Dark God's Apostle, he would not be so easily injured and there's no way he would be invited to the fields Valhalla."

" ... Marina-san really speaks in words I can't really understand the more uneasy you are."

Carol saw through Marina's chuunibyou-like speech as a means to dispel her own unease.

At that moment.

The moonlight suddenly disappeared.

One might think that clouds had covered the mood but that was not the case.

Much further above the altitude of about 100 meters where the Wyvern was gliding at, an enormous creature was flying in the sky.

With only the belly and wings visible and the color was also not visible due to the dark night but it seemed like Carol realized its identity.

"That is ... no way."

"My sealed power has called out, and that huge dragon appeared as if to respond to it. That might be - "

"No, that's wrong Marina-san. That is probably the Dragon King."

"Dragon King? If it's the Dragon King, then Arefga —" (TL: It's a reference to the continent of the game Dragon Quest.)

"The Dragon King is the sworn friend of the Hero Alessio Magnal as well as the legendary creature that fought with the Demon Lord Famiris Raritei ... I've only read about it in books but I'm sure of it. It looks exactly like the legends."

Looking at the direction the enormous shadow was heading, I was relieved.

That was the direction towards Ferruit.

It's likely —

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"You requested for reinforcements from the Hero Alessio?"

While I carried the unconscious Haru on my back, we returned to the path we came from.

Even though the source of the monsters has been removed, it doesn't mean that the monsters that have spawned would disappear.

When I thought that we must quickly return to Ferruit's defense, Suzuki told me of the presence of unexpected troops lying in wait.

"Yeah, I told her we would manage somehow with the labyrinth. Since Schreyl can also use the abilities of a Magic Journalist, she requested for reinforcements using the talisman for communications. We received a familiar carrier pigeon from Hack-sama saying that he/they would be rushing over tonight. So, I'm sure by now —"

Suzuki said with a wry grin.

"He's probably showing off triumphantly going I'm stronkkkk?"

(106) Side Story Hero and Vampire

"Hyaaaahaaaa! You shall not pass!"

Along with that voice, an enormous pillar of fire burst forth.

With that mass of flames that once even triggered the Dragon King to obey, the monster fodders returned to ashes.

Behind that man who spoke in a strangely odd voice, a man with a bald head stood up.

"Why do you become like this during battle ... this is unbefitting of the appearance of a Hero you know, Aleo."

"Don't say that, Hack! It's cause my body is feeling feverish after having been under house arrest. Hyahoooo!"

The name of the man wielding his sword as he said that was Alessio.

The Hero who once defeated the Demon Lord.

The primary reason why he was under house arrest by the church was because his appearance during battles largely differs from the appearance of the hero recorded in the church scriptures and despite having been reprimanded countless times by Hack, he cannot stop his impulses when he enters an excited state during combat.

Even if he is a Hero that does as he pleases, his strength is the real deal and a single swing of his sword visibly reduced the number of monsters.

"Hack, where's the Dragon King?"

"I sent him back to his nest. He now has three dragonlings so he probably can't be away for too long."

"I see. I wanted to have a hunting game with Dragon King after such a long time but that's a shame!"

Looking at the monsters appearing from the west, Hack sighed.

"What hunting game, there's no more than a thousand monsters left."

The number a thousand was a number that would cause the adventurers protecting Ferruit to faint.

However, for Hack who has once experienced fighting hundreds of thousands of monsters with just three people, that number was way too little.

And, that was the same for Alessio too.

"Tch, it's already ending? That means that Kota was successful."

"I guess. Nevertheless, what's with these monsters. Originally, the Black Taigan monsters you defeated just now are a type of monster that attacks all together after encircling their prey but they just charged blindly towards us. Was magic used to rob their intelligence?"

Then, as predicted by Hack, all the monsters were annihilated several tens of minutes later.

"I guess that's the end, Aleo."

"Looks like it, Hack. Then, we should go too."

After the combat ended, Aleo who had his excited state canceled spoke to Hack with an agreeable young man smile.

The transformation was so drastic that those who do not know Alessio well might think he has split personalities.

But, Hack knew very well that this polite demeanor Alessio and the previous belligerent Alessio were both the same person.

That's why Hack was not surprised by Alessio's transformation.

"Are you sure you don't want to go to Ferruit? The citizens would probably be reassured if you visited."

"It's true that it is best if we visited for the sake of the citizens. But, we would be stealing their credit if we did that. That's because the key player for this battle was unmistakably Kota."

"That's true. Geez, thinking back to the child who was frightened by the Dragon King three years ago, he sure has grown up splendidly."

While feeling happy with the growth of the younger generation, Hack relaxed

his shoulders.

At first glance, it looked like Hack did nothing at all but his job was the establishment of the barrier.

Even though he held back quite a bit, if the attacks of the Hero Alessio continued for some time, the work of the surveyors who draw the maps would probably increase.

In order to prevent the deformation of the terrain, Hack had to maintain the barrier the whole time.

Even with him holding back, the only person in the whole world who can establish barriers that can block the attacks of Alessio is probably only Hack who has changed job to Barrier Magician after training as both an Earth Magician and Light Magician.

Even though Hack is a magician, his main role is to provide support.

It just goes to show how overwhelming Alessio's individual power is.

" ... Aleo, what are you looking at?"

"Hack, do you see that bat there? Do you think my attack can reach it from here?"

Alessio pointed at the sky straight ahead.

" ... Bat? Is there such a thing there? Though I believe, if it's you, you can defeat it."

"That's true. Well, that's a clone so there's no meaning even if I defeat it."

Saying that, Alessio drew his sword and released a skill even a low-level Apprentice Swordsman can learn, 「Slash」 (however, it had enough power to split the ground) at the bat but at the same time, his spine trembled.

"Hack ... did you notice?"

"What is it this time?"

"I sense her presence."

Alessio said that — and his mouth slackened into a large grin.

"Why, what happened!"

In the sky above Ferruit, Valf could not deal with two abnormalities that cropped up.

The first was that the ritual that has been conducted in the labyrinth has been canceled by someone.

It was unexpected beyond all his expectations.

Thankfully, close to ten thousand monsters escaped from the labyrinth and just that number should be capable of utterly destroying Ferruit, or so he thought.

But here, a further unexpected event happened.

The Hero Alessio who defeated the Demon Lord appeared.

The remaining monsters were unilaterally trampled by him.

The clone he sent for reconnaissance far above in the sky saw that scene.

(Is he even human?)

It was when he thought that.

Alessio pointed at his direction.

(I was noticed? At this location?)

He thought that it was unbelievable.

But, the next instant, a \[\script{Slash} \] flew over, causing Valf to think.

I'll be killed if I don't quickly leave this country.

It was at that point in time.

— This presence ... no way ... !?

Unlike the Hero, the presence that appeared to the north, the presence that surged for a moment before immediately shrinking down caused Valf to rejoice.

(Demon Lord-sama, you should deal with your own enemy.) His next plan began from that moment.

Valf felt it.

At that direction — Demon Lord Famiris·Raritei once again descended upon this world.

(107) Epilogue

After I escaped from the labyrinth, I parted with Suzuki there.

Julio, Sutchino and Milky looked like they were exhausted so he thought of letting them ride Pochi but because the golden wool Sutchino carried was too much of a hindrance, Sutchino would be returning by foot and he offered to let Elise ride instead but Elise said that she didn't want to split up with Jofre so in the end, he left with only Milky and Julio.

Jofre and Elise were in the lead as they rode on the leisurely walking Centaur while Sutchino and we walked behind.

Hearing about the Dragon King that was large enough to cover the sky from Carol and Marina, I would love to see it by all means.

Then, I called out to Sutchino who was walking at the rearmost.

Even though he's not wounded, he was tired from spending a couple of days in the labyrinth and considering the weight of the golden wool he was carrying, it was within my expectations that he would fall behind. I offered to carry half of it but Sutchino resolutely refused.

Jofre offered that he could carry it inside his item bag and Sutchino could ride Pochi back but he said that he would carry it back himself.

"Unfortunately, I am incapable of being as trusting as Julio towards others. But, thank you for saving us."

"And the continuation would be because saying thanks if free right?"

"Haha, well, I'll at least treat you to your lodging fees once we return to the country. Since my parents own an inn."

If the inn is your own home, then isn't that just lending a room rather than treating?

Now that I think about it, the landlady and the tavern master were talking about their son who didn't come home, perhaps that son is Sutchino?

If that's the case, I've already paid for the lodging fees though.

It would be awkward to ask them to return what I already paid as well.

I'm not strapped for money so it's fine.

I told Sutchino that if he finds it heavy I can carry it anytime and returned to Haru and the others.

"Master, just now — "

I've lost count to the number of times Haru lowered her head.

"Like I said, don't worry about it. It's understandable since you met the Goddess-sama you adore. It can't be helped that you fainted. By the way, Haru, what skill did you receive? It wasn't an item so it should be a skill right?"

"The skill I acquired was the 「Triple Spear」. When I attack with a spear, two copies of the spear will materialize, it is a famous skill within the spear techniques acquired from Goddess-sama. It is also usable not only with a spear but also when thrusting with a sword so I must thank Setolance-sama."

Haru said as she faced a low growing tree nearby and stabbed with her favorite sword — Fire Dragon's Fang.

Upon doing so, I saw the sword split into three.

However, they were not mere afterimages as shown by the three singe marks left on the bark.

"That certainly looks like a convenient technique."

"What did Ichino-sama receive?"

"It was probably a scourer."

Marina answered Carol's question for me.

It's you who is the one loved by the scourers.

"Unfortunately, it was Sutchino and Julio who got the scourers. I received Lifestyle Magic J."

But, this 「Lifestyle Magic」 is honestly quite questionable.

Of course, it is without a doubt a useful magic.

In particular, \(\text{Clean} \) is very useful in this world where baths are not really popular.

「Purification」 seems to work the same way but it might be possible to use the new skill with other skills like 「Silent Room」.

I felt like there might be magic like Lifestyle Magic for night time or it would probably be called Sexual lifestyle Magic. (TL: It's a play on words, Lifestyle Magic and Sexual lifestyle Magic is read the same way in Japanase, just that the character used is different.) But it's probably because the way I use it is poor.

"That means Ichino-sama has reached Lifestyle Magic III? Then cooking in the future will become easier."

"Eh? Cooking?"

"Yes, Lifestyle Magic III is magic for the sake of cooking."

Cooking huh.

I was relieved after hearing Carol's words.

I was wondering what would happen if a magic like Energy Recovery appeared.

「Clean」 for washing clothes, 「Silent Room」 to soundproof the residence and now a cooking skill. In other words, it's a skill meant to enhance food, clothing and shelter.

It's pretty good.

"Magic list open."

I wanted to see what kind of magic I acquired to have a peace of mind so I opened my magic list.

Then —

"The skill acquired from Lifestyle Magic III is —"

In the midst of Carol's explanation, I saw the magic.

「Oil Create」

Without any time to consider the meaning behind that name, Carol

announced the answer.

"A magic to produce oil using magic."

"Oil huh. It seems convenient for the sake of deep frying food."

As Marina laughed, Carol nodded and continued her explanation.

"It can be used for cooking or as fuel and by increasing the proficiency, many types of oil can ... Ichino-sama, what's wrong?"

Carol asked when she noticed I was trembling all over.

But, I — imagined an unexpected use for the magic, or it might actually be within expectations —

"As expected, isn't it just Sexual lifestyle Magic!!!"

I inadvertently screamed out.

Carol and the others made expressions saying "It is Lifestyle Magic?" but at any rate, I felt like welcoming that magic.

It's certain that after coming this far, it would turn R-15.

It's really great that Miri is not here. (TL: That's a flag, Ichino) And then, the stunned expression of my younger sister who had not reached 15 years old would have when she saw my current expression came to mind.

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Meanwhile.

Within a room disguised as a big tree between Florence and Belasra —

"I've returned ... Otherworld."

Miri stood there.

"Onii, wait for me."